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# MINUTES OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING

## THIRD DAY EVENING.

### TENTH MONTH 16, 1917.

1. The Five Years Meeting of Friends convened in its Fourth General Assembly at Richmond, Indiana, Tenth Month 16, 1917.

2. The meeting was impressively opened by the Clerk, Joseph John Mills. Charles M. Woodman read the Scripture message, calling our earnest attention to the solemn significance of the present crisis. A period of devotion followed.

3. Delegates, as appear in the following list, were present from their respective Yearly Meetings.

CANADA YEARLY MEETING.

Albert S. Rogers, *Chairman,* Imperial Oil Building, Room 408, Toronto, Canada.
Joseph P. Rogers, Imperial Oil Building, Room 408, Toronto, Canada.
Ada Lehman, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada.
Marion D. Cronk, Rural Route, Whitby, Ontario, Canada.
Marjory Rogers, 11 Lamport Avenue, Toronto, Canada.
Lulu D. Cleland, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING.

Charles Sisson, *Chairman,* Providence, R. I.
Earle J. Harold, 15 Norcross Terrace, East Lynn, Mass.
Seth K. Gifford, Moses Brown School, Providence, R. I.

Mary S. Paige, 50 Chatham Street, East Lynn, Mass.
Wilbur K. Thomas, 12 Hazelwood Street, Roxbury, Mass.
Perry D. Macy, South China, Maine.
Rufus M. Jones, Haverford, Pa.
Sarah J. Swift, West Falmouth, Mass.
Lindley M. Binford, 85 Middle Street, Saco, Maine.

NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING.

James Wood, *Chairman,* Mount Kisco, N. Y.
Dikran B. Donchian, 878 Broadway, New York City.
Reuben J. Payne, Macedon, N. Y.
Carolena M. Wood, Mount Kisco, N. Y.
Albert G. Shepard, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Aaron H. Lane, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
L. Hollingsworth Wood, 20 Nassau Street, New York City.
Murray S. Kenworthy, 37 Grand Street, Glens Falls, N. Y.
Eliza Heaton Taber, 265 Ryerson Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING.

Samuel R. Neave, *Chairman,* Hughesville, Maryland.
Allen C. Thomas, Haverford, Pa.
Margaret T. Carey, 1004 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, Maryland.
John R. Cary, 300 Club Road, Roland Park, Maryland.
Elbert Russell, Woolman School, Swarthmore, Pa.
Elizabeth H. Wilson, 1339 Girard Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING.

L. Lyndon Hobbs, *Chairman,* Guilford College, N. C.
Lewis W. MacFarland, High Point, N. C.
G. Calvin Welch, Mount Airy, N. C.
Margaret B. Hackney, Randleman, N. C., R. F. D. 1.
Zeno H. Dixon, Elkin, N. C.
J. Elwood Cox, High Point, N. C.
J. Franklin Davis, Guilford College, N. C.
Wade H. Adams, Yadkinville, N. C., R. F. D. 3.
Alice N. White, High Point, N. C.
Estella Garrison, Goldsboro, N. C.
John B. Griffin, Woodland, N. C.
S. Addison Hodgin, Greensboro, N. C.
Alice Paige White, High Point, N. C.
Mary E. M. Davis, Guilford College, N. C.

WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING.

W. Rufus Kersey, *Chairman,* Oregonia, Ohio.
Ellison R. Purdy, Wilmington, Ohio.
Richard C. Greene, Wilmington, Ohio.
Emma S. Townsend, Martinsville, Ohio.
Ruth Farquhar, Wilmington, Ohio.
James F. Gaskins, Sabina, Ohio.
J. Edwin Jay, Wilmington, Ohio.
Amos Cook, Harveysburg, Ohio.
Mary Mills, Wilmington, Ohio.
Homer G. Biddlecum, Xenia, Ohio.
Howard Terrell, Highland, Ohio.
Clayton Terrell, New Vienna, Ohio.

Allen D. Hole, *Chairman,* Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.

S. Edgar Nicholson, South West A Street, Richmond, Indiana.

Charles E. Tebbetts, Whittier, California.

Robert L. Kelly, 19 South La Salle St., Chicago, Illinois.

Charles E. Hiatt, Marion, Indiana.

William J. Sayers, Muncie, Indiana.

Timothy Nicholson, Richmond, Indiana.

Robert E. Pretlow, 2315 E. Spruce Street, Seattle, Wash.

Truman C. Kenworthy, Richmond, Indiana.

Peter W. Raidabaugh, Fairmount, Indiana.

Belle C. Bailey, Richmond, Indiana.

Leannah Hobson, Van Wert, Ohio.

Joseph A. Goddard, Muncie, Indiana.

Dewitt L. Foster, Marion, Indiana.

Edith J. Hunt, Charlottesville, Indiana.

Leander J. Woodard, Richmond, Indiana.

D. Frank Douglas, West Milton, Ohio.

David M. Edwards, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.

Lucy Hill Binford, Greenfield, Indiana.

Ancil E. Ratliff, Fairmount, Indiana.

Charles M. Woodman, Richmond, Indiana.

Jesse Henley, Carthage, Indiana.

Esther Cook, Newcastle, Indiana.

Thomas E. Jones, Fairmount, Indiana.

George C. Levering, Selma, Ohio.

Aaron Napier, Amboy, Indiana.

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING.

Enos Harvey, *Chairman,* Noblesville, Indiana.
George H. Moore, Bloomingdale, Indiana.
Lenora N. Hobbs, Bloomingdale, Indiana.
Willard O. Trueblood, 313 E. Thirteenth Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Geo. H. Evans, 914 N. Delaware Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.
Lizzie Fesmire, Westfield, Indiana.
Chester Reagan, Russiaville, Indiana.
W. J. Cleaver, Thorntown, Indiana.
Charlotte E. Vickers, 312 N. Elmwood Ave., Oak Park, Illinois.
Lewis E. Stout, Kokomo, Indiana.
Florence Rees, Vermilion Grove, Illinois.
William Furnas, Camby, Indiana.
David B. Johnson, Mooresville, Indiana.
Eliza Armstrong Cox, Azalia, Indiana.
Asa Woodard, Noblesville, Indiana, R. F. D. 1.
Mary Miars Harold, Danville, Indiana.
Lydia Taylor Painter, Monrovia, Indiana.
Sarah J. King, Noblesville, Indiana.
Albert J. Brown, 333 Irvington Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING.

Stephen M. Hadley, *Chairman,* Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Samuel L. Haworth, 1918 Second Ave., S. Minneapolis, Minn.
Richard R. Newby, 1631 E. Eighth Street, Des Moines, Iowa.
Edith E. Smith, Ackworth, Iowa.
Alvin Hoskins, Richland, Iowa.

C. John Bowles, 317 West Sixth Street, Muscatine, Iowa.
Charles O. Whitely, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Edgar H. Stranahan, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Ora W. Carrell, Beacon, Iowa.
Carrie A. Butler, Paton, Iowa.
Cora M. Matteson, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Clarence E. Pickett, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
I. W. Cook, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

KANSAS YEARLY MEETING.

Edmund Stanley, *Chairman,* 1813 University Ave., Wichita, Kansas.
Geo. A. Wise, Jr., Emporia, Kansas.
Alden L. Knight, Alba, Missouri.
Walter E. Lewis, Gate, Oklahoma.
Lindley A. Wells, 402 S. Vine Ave., Wichita, Kansas.
Albion M. Gibson, Cherokee, Oklahoma.
Mary Sibbitt, 1545 S. Waco, Wichita, Kansas.
Eunice Hunt, Coldwater, Kansas.
L. Clarkson Hinshaw, Haviland, Kansas.
Amy B. Hawkins, Glen Elder, Kansas.
M. F. Swafford, Haviland, Kansas.
John M. Newlin, Lawrence, Kansas.
Clark Brown, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
Charles L. Hunt, Coldwater, Kansas.
J. Arthur Wollam, 1902 Menter Ave., Wichita, Kansas.
W. Alpheus Rees, North Branch, Kansas.
Martha E. Stanley, 1813 University Ave., Wichita, Kansas.

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING.

Theodore Foxworthy, *Chairman,* Plainview, Nebraska.
John D. Mills, Central City, Nebraska.

Lauren A. Phinney, Wessington Springs, S. Dak.
William I. Kent, Allen, Nebraska.
Homer J. Coppock, Central City, Nebraska.
Stacy J. McCracken, Central City, Nebraska.
Philip Stein, Plainview, Nebraska.

CALIFORNIA YEARLY MEETING.

Joseph John Mills, *Chairman,* 525 S. Catalina Avenue, Pasadena, California.
Henry Edwin McGrew, 120 N. Washington Ave., Whittier, California.
Florabel P. Rosenberger, 201 S. Washington Ave., Whittier, Calif.
Wallace E. Gill, Los Angeles, Calif., R. F. D. 2, Box 336.
Harry R. Keates, San Diego, Calif.
Archie G. Reynolds, 135 N. Templeton, Huntington Park, Calif.
Allen U. Tomlinson, 142 S. Friends Ave., Whittier, Calif.
Elmer H. Gifford, Lindsay, Calif.
Wm. V. Coffin, 519 Earlham Drive, Whittier, Calif.

OREGON YEARLY MEETING.

E. H. Woodward, *Chairman,* Newberg, Oregon.
Josephine Hockett, 915 Highland Ave., Salem, Oregon.
Levi T. Pennington, Newberg, Oregon.
Milo P. Elliott, Newberg, Oregon.
F. Marion George, 195 E. Thirty-ninth Street, Portland, Oregon.
Thomas C. Perisho, Greenleaf, Idaho.
Edith M. Minchin, Dundee, Oregon.
O. J. Sherman, 612 E. Taylor Street, Portland, Oregon.

4. Fraternal delegates, bearing credentials, were present from both London and Japan Yearly Meetings, as follows:

LONDON YEARLY MEETING.

Alfred Kemp Brown, Devonshire House, 136 Bishopsgate, London, E. C., England.
W. Blair Neatby, 37 Strensham Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, England.
George Gillett Whitney, 523 West 121st Street, New York City.
Janet E. L. Whitney, 523 West 121st Street, New York City.

JAPAN YEARLY MEETING.

Gilbert Bowles, Tokyo, Japan.
Mansaku Nakamura, Tokyo, Japan.

5. The many Friends present from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, and also those from Ohio Yearly Meeting, were welcomed and the following were given the privileges of the floor:

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING.

Thomas K. Brown, Westtown, Pa.
Isaac Sharpless, Haverford, Pa.
Joseph Elkinton, Moylan, Pa.
Arthur R. Pennell, Wawa, Pa.
Henry J. Cadbury, Haverford, Pa.
Hannah P. Morris, Olney, Philadelphia, Pa.
Francis Tatum Rhoads, Wilmington, Delaware.
Anna H. Barton, Haddonfield, N. J.
Sarah B. Seeds, West Chester, Pa.

OHIO YEARLY MEETING.

Elisha Blackburn, Cleveland, Ohio.
Nellie S. Waterbury, Essex Road, Cleveland, Ohio.
Carrie Chambers, Damascus, Ohio.
Annie A. Mendenhall, 726 Northfield Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
Edgar A. Wollam, 3219 Cedar Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

6. Dublin Yearly Meeting sent a message expressing regret at their inability to send delegates to the meeting, and enclosing the following minute:

COPY OF MINUTE 2 OF DUBLIN YEARLY MEETING'S COMMITTEE, HELD IN DUBLIN, 28TH OF 8TH MONTH, 1917.

While fully realizing the benefits to be obtained from an interchange of visits with American Friends, the Committee feel that under present very exceptional circumstances the time is not opportune for sending a deputation.

Copy of this minute to be sent to the Five Years Meeting with a covering letter from the Clerk.

C. A. PIM, *Clerk.*

7. By reports from the delegates, the Committee on Organization was constituted as follows from chairmen of delegations:

*Canada*—Albert S. Rogers.
*New England*—Charles Sisson.
*New York*—James Wood.
*Baltimore*—Samuel R. Neave.
*North Carolina*—L. Lyndon Hobbs.
*Wilmington*—W. Rufus Kersey.
*Indiana*—Allen D. Hole.
*Western*—Enos Harvey.
*Iowa*—Stephen M. Hadley.

*Kansas*—Edmund Stanley.
*Nebraska*—Theodore Foxworthy.
*California*—Joseph J. Mills.
*Oregon*—Ezra H. Woodward.

8. Reports from delegations designated the following as members of the Business Committee:

*Canada*—Joseph P. Rogers.
*New York*—Albert G. Shepard.
*North Carolina*—Zeno H. Dixon.
*Western*—Albert J. Brown.
*Kansas*—L. Clarkson Hinshaw.
*Oregon*—Milo P. Elliott.
*Nebraska*—Philip Stein.
*New England*—Rufus M. Jones.
*Baltimore*—John R. Cary.
*Indiana*—Ancil E. Ratliff.*
*Iowa*—Edgar H. Stranahan.
*Wilmington*—Ellison R. Purdy.
*California*—Allen U. Tomlinson.

* See Minute 59, Page 73.

9. The following message of greeting from Dublin Yearly Meeting of Friends was read:

FROM DUBLIN YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS.

*To the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, 1917:*

Dear Friends: As the usual time for holding your meeting approaches, we cannot refrain from sending a message of greeting. We have greatly valued the privilege accorded to us on previous occasions of uniting with you by the appointment of fraternal delegates. Those who have acted in this capacity have appreciated the opportunity of entering into the circumstances of Friends in America, which are so varied and in many cases

so different from our own. We look upon the bonds of friendship thus formed, not only as a source of pleasure to the individuals, but of great benefit to the Yearly Meeting at large.

Fearing that if an invitation has been sent to us this year, as on previous occasions, it must have met with unknown fate in transit, we wish to assure you of our most cordial and loving sympathy.

We prayerfully desire that in facing the problems which will come before you, you may realize the presence of the Holy Spirit in your midst, and that Divine Guidance and Wisdom may be vouchsafed to you.

We remain, your friends,
Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
W. FRED A. BEWLEY, *Clerk.*

10. The following communications from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting in response to the invitation of the Five Years Meeting to send fraternal delegates, were read:

Philadelphia, Pa., Fourth Month 7, 1917.

L. HOLLINGSWORTH WOOD,

*Secretary of Committee on Arrangements for the Five Years Meeting,* 1917, 20 *Nassau St., New York.*

Dear Friend: At our last Yearly Meeting the invitation to send fraternal delegates to the Five Years Meeting was very seriously and prayerfully considered, and the enclosed minute was adopted, in an earnest desire to do the right thing.

It is indeed a time when all who seek to promote righteousness should stand together and it is our hope that we may all be yet more fully and firmly united and helped by each other, in the one aim to do God's will on earth, as it is in heaven.

We heartily desire and hope that the next Five Years Meeting will, in God's providence, be fruitful to that end.

Your friends,
WILLIAM BACON EVANS,
JANE W. BARTLETT,
*Clerks.*

## PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING.
### 1917.

At a Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia by adjournments from the 26th of the Third Month to the 30th of the same inclusive, 1917.

A communication from the Five Years Meeting was received and read. In this we were invited to send a few Friends as Fraternal Delegates to the session of the Five Years Meeting to be held in Tenth Month next at Richmond, Indiana. The reading of this invitation called forth a great deal of cordial and fraternal feeling, which found frequent and earnest expression. We were dipped into love and sympathy with the Friends of the Five Years Meeting, in the desire that they may be encouraged in the service of the Master.

On account of the feeling on the part of some Friends that in appointing delegates as suggested, we might to some extent, compromise our testimony to a free Gospel Ministry, way did not fully open to accede to the request of the Five Years Meeting.

Nevertheless, we encourage such of our members as feel it right to do so, to attend the meeting in Richmond, Indiana, hoping that they may convey the feeling of love and sympathy which overspread this Meeting and that their being with Friends there, may, under the Divine blessing, be of benefit both to us and to them.

The clerk was directed to forward a copy of this minute to the Five Years Meeting.

From the Minutes,

WILLIAM BACON EVANS,
JANE W. BARTLETT,
*Clerks.*

### MINUTE OF WOMEN'S YEARLY MEETING.

The reading of the invitation to send fraternal delegates to the Five Years Meeting brought forth a cordial response of sympathetic feeling. With a strong desire to be helpful it was decided to join Men's Meeting in the assurance of good will for those from whom the invitation came. This Meeting would encourage any of our members with a distinct concern to attend the Five Years Meeting.

JANE W. BARTLETT, *Clerk.*

11. The Friends present from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting were cordially welcomed. A motion prevailed that these visiting Friends be invited to select, from their large delegation, nine who should be given the privileges of the floor.

12. A motion also prevailed that a similar courtesy be extended to the five Friends who were present from Ohio Yearly Meeting.

13. Missionaries from Japan, Cuba, and Africa, were introduced and warmly welcomed.

14. Credentials were read for Augustus George Waller, a Friend present from London Yearly Meeting.

15. A minute from Cleveland Monthly Meeting, indorsed by Cleveland Quarterly Meeting, was read for Annie A. Mendenhall.

16. The employment of a stenographer was referred to the Business Committee, with power to act.

17. The program as prepared by the Committee on Arrangements, was referred to the Business Committee.

18. The Committee on Organization was instructed to report to the morning session.

19. The following letter was read:

*To the Five Years Meeting to be held at Richmond, Indiana, 1917.*

Dear Friends: It seems to me that the Society of Friends during the past century were doing somewhat as the warring nations of the world are doing to-day, bringing the Society into the condition of a divided house, concerning which our Savior said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation: and every city or house divided against itself shall not

stand." Nevertheless, I firmly believe that if the members of the different branches of the Society would be individually faithful to the inshining light of Truth in their own hearts, and patiently wait till "endued with power from on high," they would be enabled to stand firmly upon that sure foundation of true Christianity upon which George Fox stood. When that time comes, then all branches of the Society will be again reunited, "For they shall see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion." The Society of Friends will then be able to do far more than it is now doing in promoting the cause of peace and good will among men.

It is my earnest desire that all members of the Society, everywhere, who have come to the years of religious understanding, may, in all sincerity of heart, be able to say, "O Lord open thou mine eyes that I may see more clearly the stepping stones upon which my feet should tread, and strengthen thou me that I may do my part in rebuilding the walls of Zion."

This declaration of Holy Writ would then be verified to us as a people: "And they shall be of Thee, shall build the old waste places, thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations and thou shalt be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of the paths to dwell in."

With love, your friend,

JOB S. GIDLEY.

North Dartmouth, Mass.,
10th Month 6h, 1917.

20. Various propositions from the Yearly Meetings were read, and referred to the Business Committee, with instructions to report.

Then adjourned to 9:30 Fourth Day morning.

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## FOURTH DAY MORNING.
### TENTH MONTH, 17.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

21. The devotional exercises were conducted by Willard O. Trueblood.

22. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

23. Charles S. MacFarland, General Secretary of The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, was introduced and welcomed.

24. James Wood, Chairman of the Committee on Organization, made the following report, which was approved, and the persons named were appointed to serve the meeting as recommended:

For Presiding Clerk, Robert E. Pretlow.

For Recording Clerk, Mary Mills.

For Reading and Announcing Clerk, Levi T. Pennington.

25. L. Hollingsworth Wood voiced his appreciation of the efficient services rendered by the retiring Clerks, in which expression the meeting heartily joined.

The Business Committee reported the following items:

26. The committee organized with Rufus M. Jones, Chairman, and Edgar H. Stranahan, Secretary.

27. In accordance with the instruction given by the meeting, a stenographer was engaged to make stenographic reports of all proceedings, the disposition to be made of these reports to be decided at the close of the Five Years Meeting.

28. The Committee recommended that it be given permission to employ, at the expense of the meeting, a typist for the Business Committee. The request was granted.

29. The program for the day was approved as arranged, with the substitution of an address by Charles S. MacFarland, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, in place of W. Blair Neatby, who was unable to be present at this time.

30. The Business Committee reported that they had considered a recommendation from Western Yearly Meeting in regard to changing the present disciplinary method of creating Yearly Meeting Finance Committees, so as to provide a Standing Committee with terms expiring serially. The Committee found that there was nothing in the uniform discipline to prevent having the Finance Committee made a Standing Committee, with terms expiring serially, and recommended this course of procedure.

This recommendation of the Business Committee was approved by the meeting.

31. The recommendation of Western Yearly Meeting that the following query be added to the General Queries in the Discipline, was approved by the Business Committee, and by the meeting, and was referred for adoption to the various Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting: "Do you make dilligent effort to acquaint yourselves and those under your care with the spiritual needs of the world; and do you support by prayer and systematic giving those who are laboring to extend Christ's Kingdom?"

32. The following report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Chairman, and was approved. The recommendations contained in this report were referred to the Business Committee.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

*To the Five Years Meeting of 1917:*

The Executive Committee appointed in 1912 submits herewith report concerning matters which have claimed its attention for the five-year period just closing.

### Organization and Membership

The Committee met at Indianapolis near the close of the sessions of the Five Years Meeting of 1912 and organized with the election of the following officers:

*Chairman,* Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Indiana.
*Secretary,* Willard O. Trueblood, Indianapolis, Indiana.
*Central Committee,* The Chairman, the Secretary and
Rufus M. Jones, Haverford, Pa.
Miles White, Jr., Baltimore, Md.
Ellison R. Purdy, Wilmington, Ohio.

The personnel of the Committee remained unchanged from the appointments made by the Five Years Meeting in 1912, until last year, when three vacancies occurred due to the removal of the appointees to other Yearly Meetings, viz.:

Harry R. Keates, *ex-officio,* as Chairman of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board.

Charles O. Whitely, representing Oregon Yearly Meeting.

George D. Weeks, representing Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

Of these vacancies, two were filled as follows:

Ellison R. Purdy (already a member of the Executive Committee representing Wilmington Yearly Meeting), chosen by the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board as its chairman in place of Harry R. Keates.

Stacy J. McCracken, Central City, Nebraska, appointed by the Permanent Board of Nebraska Yearly Meeting to take the place of George D. Weeks.

The place of Charles O. Whitely representing Oregon Yearly Meeting was not filled.

### Meetings

In addition to the meeting for organization, the Committee as a whole has held six meetings, all at Richmond, Indiana, as follows:

April 22, 1913.....14 members present
October 23-24, 1913.....14 members present
October 1, 1914.....11 members present
October 20, 1915.....14 members present
October 19-20, 1916.....11 members present
October 16, 1917.....12 members present

The Central Committee of the Executive Committee has held meetings each year immediately preceding the meetings of the Committee as a whole, and in addition held one meeting at Richmond, Indiana, on May 30, 1916.

ACTION ON MATTERS SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BY THE FIVE YEARS MEETING OF 1912

1. *Choice of a General Secretary and an Assistant Secretary.*

The Committee, feeling that the most important single task assigned to it by the Five Years Meeting of 1912, was the selection of a General Secretary, prayerfully took up the consideration of the question, and gave to it all the attention and care that seemed possible. The first meeting following the organization of the Committee, namely, the meeting of April 22, 1913, was called especially for a conference in regard to the results reached by correspondence up to that time, and the same subject also claimed a large share of the time at the sessions held the following October. As a result of the consideration thus given to the question for a full year, it was seen that the wisest course was to fill the place temporarily, thus providing for the beginning of the work of organization and co-ordination approved by the Five Years Meeting, which required immediate attention, and also allowing the additional time which was necessary before choice of a General Secretary to fill the place permanently could wisely be made. At the meeting in October, 1913, therefore, the Committee unanimously chose Joseph John Mills to take up the preliminary work. This he finally consented to do on condition that he be not required to change his residence from California, and provided further that some one could be chosen to attend to such matters as might best be cared for from Richmond, the place designated by the Five Years Meeting as the location of the Central Office. Both of these conditions were accepted, the Committee appointing its Chairman to oversee the work which

should be undertaken by the Richmond office. Joseph John Mills accordingly took up the work as the first General Secretary of the Five Years Meeting on January 1, 1914.

The question of the selection of a permanent General Secretary continued to occupy the attention of the Committee, both by correspondence from time to time and at the annual meetings of the Committee in 1914 and 1915, and a decision was finally reached at a meeting of the Central Committee on May 30, 1916, when under authority delegated by the committee as a whole, Walter C. Woodward was chosen as General Secretary, to assume the duties of the office on January 1, 1917. He soon afterward accepted the appointment and has very acceptably discharged the duties of the office since the first of the present calendar year. The salary agreed upon is shown in the report of the Finance Committee.

With the choice of a General Secretary, it became necessary to reach a decision in regard to an Assistant Secretary, and a competent office force. This question has been settled by the employment of Ruthanna M. Simms as Assistant Secretary, providing thus for competant management of the Central Office when the General Secretary is necessarily absent, with the understanding that only such additional clerical assistance as may be needed shall be from time to time supplied.

### 2. *The Opening of the Central Office.*

As already suggested, the work of the Central Office from January 1, 1914 to January 1, 1917, was divided between the General Secretary with residence at Pasadena, California, and the Chairman of the Executive Comimttee at Richmond, Indiana. When, however, the General Secretary, with residence at Richmond, was selected, it became necessary to provide suitable office rooms in the City of Richmond. The Committee, therefore, authorized the renting and furnishing of a single room, which, while not in all respects well adapted to the most efficient and satisfactory prosecution of the work passing through the Central Office, has nevertheless answered the most pressing needs for office space up to this time. It is hardly possible, however, to plan for handling even the present work much longer without enlarging the quarters to include at least two separate rooms.

3. *Administrative Expenses.*

In accordance with the instructions from the Five Years Meeting that the Executive Committee should define the term "administrative expenses," the following action was taken, viz.:

"Administrative expenses" shall be understood to include the following:

1. Expenses of members of the Executive Committee, and of members of the executive committees of the various boards as follows: Railroad fares and sleeping-car fare where needed. to and from the place of meeting of the Committee, with an allowance of $1.50 per day for board while away from home.

2. Correspondence expenses including within the limits of the appropriation made for each board, stationery and postage, necessary stenography and type-writing, but no clerical fees or salaries: also necessary printing which shall not include annual reports. (See minutes of Five Years Meeting of 1912, Page 280.)

3. When a member of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting also attends, as a member, one or more executive committee meetings of Boards, his expenses shall be divided *pro rata* between the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting and the Board or Boards which he represents. The same principle shall be applied to the division of expenses in case a member of the executive committee of one Board attends, as a member, a meeting of the executive committee of another Board.

4. *The Proposition in Regard to the Care of Aged and Disabled Ministers.*

The proposition in regard to the care of aged and disabled ministers was considered carefully, and at the meeting of the Committee in October, 1913, the following course of action was approved, viz.:

1. That a standing committee of three from the Executive Committee be constituted a committee to assist ministers in need; the committee shall be authorized to receive and distribute funds for the relief of aged and otherwise disabled ministers.

2. That the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting be authorized to receive gifts and legacies to be held in trust, and the income used for this purpose, through said standing committee.

The committee appointed in accordance with the above action consists of Ellison R. Purdy, S. Edgar Nicholson, and Carolena M. Wood.

5. *As to the Training of Christian Workers.*

The executive committees of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board and of the Board on Education submitted a report on this subject to the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting in October, 1916; the action taken by the Executive Committee and the report referred to follow:

I. Action of the Executive Committee

After consideration of the report appended below the following action was taken, viz.:

(a) The report was approved with the direction that the information be forwarded to the next Five Years Meeting.

(b) A motion was carried that a committee of three be appointed to have under their care the extension work suggested in the report. As members of this committee the following were named, viz.: Walter C. Woodward, Ellison R. Purdy, Robert L. Kelly.

(c) The following colleges are understood to be included in the recommendations made in this report: Guilford, Pickering, Wilmington, Earlham, Penn, Friends University, Nebraska Central, Pacific and Whittier.

It is also recommended that Haverford be informed of the recommendation made and that it be asked to co-operate in the extension work referred to.

II. Report

At a joint meeting of members of the Executive Committees of the Evangelistic and Church Extension, and the Educational Boards, the problem of the better educational training of ministers and those called to the ministry, received careful and prolonged attention. The joint committee was united in recommending to the Executive Committee that the Five Years Meeting be requested to set certain definite educational standards as highly desirable for our ministers.

Quarterly Meetings should encourage young people who feel a call to the ministry to secure a college education, in some one of our own colleges, and also should hold up a course in one of the best Theological Seminaries, as still further developing the capacity for leadership. Our young people should have the benefit of the same kind of advice as that given to Timothy to study to show themselves approved, and it is very unjust to our youth to acknowledge their gifts in an official way before they have secured the elementary education offered by a standard American High School.

Provision should be made by the Quarterly Meetings, when needful, to render to such young people financial, as well as moral support, as they go forward in their work of preparation.

The Committee also recommends that our colleges in conjunction with appropriate boards of the Yearly Meetings, take on such phases of Extension Work as will be best suited to the needs of ministers, present and prospective, who may not be able to enroll in the regular academic work, to the end that the needs of all may be appropriately met and the general level of educational qualifications raised, and suggest that if this be approved by the Executive Committee, its chairman be authorized to communicate with the Colleges thus concerned.

Signed:

ELLISON R. PURDY, *Chairman of the Joint Committee.*

6. *Disposal of Copies of Stenographic Report of the Discussions at the Last Five Years Meeting.*

The two carbon copies of the stenographic report of the Five Years Meeting of 1912, were disposed of by sale at cost of production, $27.00 per copy, to Haverford College and Earlham College, respectively. The amounts received were forwarded to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting.

OTHER QUESTIONS WHICH HAVE COME TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION, WITH ACTION THEREON

1. Under authority given by the Five Years Meeting to provide for the salary and expenses of the General Secretary, a subcommittee on finance was appointed under whose direction letters were sent out early in 1913 to about 1,500 Friends within the limits of the Five Years Meeting and again in 1914 to more

than 2,000, resulting in a number of subscriptions being made in addition to the pledges taken at the time of the Five Years Meeting in 1912.

2. As to the method by which a day might be chosen by a given board on which its work should be presented simultaneously in the various meetings of the Five Years Meeting, the Executive Committee approved the following recommendation:

"That the Boards of the Five Years Meeting be asked not to make appeals on a given Sabbath in any Yearly Meeting for funds for their work, unless an agreement in regard to a suitable time has first been reached with the chairman of the delegation from that Yearly Meeting."

3. The fact having been brought to the attention of the Committee that the Five Years Meeting of 1912 appointed only five trustees, whereas the Articles of Incorporation of the Five Years Meeting require that the number of trustees be eleven or more, the Committee elected six additional trustees, making a total of eleven, and the names were duly recorded in the office of the Recorder of Wayne County, Indiana, as follows: James Wood, Amos K. Hollowell, John H. Johnson, Robert W. Furnas, A. F. N. Hambleton, Edwin S. Jay, D. W. Edwards, John B. Peelle, John W. Woody, Calvin Kesinger, and Aaron M. Bray.

4. Upon receiving information from the Printing Committee, appointed in 1912, that the minutes as approved by the Five Years Meeting in 1912 and submitted for printing did not contain the text of the propositions from Yearly Meetings, the Executive Committee in April, 1913, requested the editor of the *American Friend* to publish the same.. This was done in the issue of October 9, 1913.

5. The committee recommended that the Wasson fund of $500.00 be placed in the hands of the Trustees of the Five Years Meeting, and that in accordance with the instructions of the Five Years Meeting, the income from the fund be applied to the work of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board.

This recommendation has been followed and the Board of Trustees has included a statement in regard to the fund in their annual reports to the Executive Committee.

6. In response to a request from the Bible School Board, as to the scope of its powers in providing for the supplying of Bible School helps, the Executive Committee on October 24, 1913, passed the following motion:

"That the Bible School Board be empowered to enter into any arrangement that may be desirable in the publication of Friends' Bible School helps and supplies, this arrangement not to continue beyond such time as the Publication Board may be ready to take over their business."

Under the authority thus given, the Bible School Board has engaged in the business of publishing Bible School helps with office up to this time at Fairmount, Indiana.

7. The publication and distribution of a hand-book or bulletin of information by the General Secretary was authorized in 1914 and again in 1915, and a Year Book in 1916. This work has been carried out by the General Secretary, with some assistance from the Chairman of the Executive Committee, as shown by reports of work done through the Central Office.

8. In October, 1914, the Executive Committee after full consideration of the proposed Men's Conference, appointed a committee representing all the Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting, with full power to act as might seem best. Under the direction of this committee the Men's Conference was held in Richmond, Indiana, in October, 1915.

9. At the suggestion of the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Executive Committee designated the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board of the Five Years Meeting as a Committee on Credentials for members of the Five Years Meeting who desire to do the work of an evangelist.

10. At the request of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, six delegates and five alternates were appointed to attend the Quadrennial Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, in December, 1916, as follows: Delegates: Walter C. Woodward, David M. Edwards, Ross A. Hadley, Willard O. Trueblood, Mary S. Paige, Harriet F. G. Peelle; alternates: Wilbur K. Thomas, Thomas E. Jones, Carolena M. Wood, Esther Cook, Alvin T. Coate.

11. Other appointments of representatives of the Five Years Meeting for important inter-denominational gatherings or inter-denominational organizations are:

(a) As members of a commission to represent Friends in the World Conference on Faith and Order, the following appointments were made, viz.: James Wood, Joseph John Mills, Rufus M. Jones, Charles M. Woodman, and David M. Edwards. three members of this commission attended the North American Preparatory Conference held at Garden City, Long Island, January 4-7, 1916.

From the above commission Rufus M. Jones was chosen to represent Friends on a co-operating committee to be made up of one representative from each denomination having appointed a commission, this co-operating committee to have charge of the further work of organization for the proposed World Conference on Faith and Order.

(b) To represent Friends in the celebration of the Centennial of the American Bible Society in May, 1916, the following appointments were made, viz.: Joseph John Mills, William C. Taber, Edmund Stanley, Willard O. Trueblood, and Lindley D. Clark.

(c) To represent Friends in the American Council of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches, the Peace Association of Friends in America was appointed.

(d) To attend the denominational gathering of young men of the Friends Church at the Summer Conference of the Young Men's Christian Association at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, in 1915, Allen D. Hole, Chairman of the Executive Committee was appointed.

(e) To represent Friends in the Congress on Purposes and Methods of Inter-Church Federations held at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, October, 1917, Charles E. Tebbetts was appointed.

12. A sub-committee of three was appointed to act with two other Friends in preparing a statement of a program of religious activities for the Society of Friends in America. The entire committee consists of the following, viz.: Walter C. Woodward, S. E. Nicholson, Stacy J. McCracken, B. Willis Beede, D. Errol Peckham.

13. Upon request from the Publication Board, an arrangement was made by which the General Secretary should become acting-editor of *The American Friend* from February to April 1, 1917, on account of the illness of the editor, S. Edgar Nicholson. The necessity for further assistance being imperative at the expiration of this time, the arrangement was continued to the time of convening of the Five Years Meeting this year. The new duties thus assigned to the General Secretary have been discharged in a manner most acceptable and satisfactory to all concerned, and although making necessary a reduction in the amount of time which could be spent on the work already outlined for the Central Office, substantial progress has, nevertheless, been made in the special lines of work entrusted to the General Secretary by the Five Years Meeting.

14. In addition to the above which includes the more important decisions reached, action has been taken on many matters of minor importance. One question which has arisen more than once has not been acted upon finally by the Committee, namely the question of representation by proxies in the work of the Committee. So far, the Committee has invited a full expression of views in writing from members who could not attend meetings of the committee in person, but has not allowed any other person to vote in place of a member as appointed by the Five Years Meeting. On two or three occasions on request of members who could not attend, a member of the same Yearly Meeting has been given the privilege of a seat in the committee while in session and opportunity of discussing questions under consideration, but without power of voting. There has been a hesitancy on the part of the committee to consider such special cases as precedents to govern the action of the Executive Committee in the future. The whole question seems to need consideration, and it is desirable that some definite rule of procedure in such cases should be agreed upon and recorded as an instruction from the Five Years Meeting.

## As to the Future

The foregoing statement giving briefly an account of the more important matters which have claimed the attention of the Committee, indicates something of the extent and scope of the problems which have been given consideration. The members of

the Committee, however, realize that, although much time and care has been spent in the work entrusted to them by the Five Years Meeting, the results so far accomplished and the decisions reached mark but the beginning of the program of service for the Church as a whole which was outlined and approved by the Five Years Meeting in 1912. The questions which the Executive Committee has been called upon to face within the five-year period just closing may be roughly divided into two classes, namely, first, the questions arising as special problems in the work of the respective Boards, and second, general questions which affect the Church as a whole in a broader way. Much time has been given to questions in each of these two classes. The progress of the work, the outlook and the needs in the several departments of the work of the Church will be presented to the Five Years Meeting by the various Boards and Committees; the Executive Committee calls attention here to a few of the more general questions which the experience of the past five years suggests as particularly important for consideration in the immediate future.

First in importance among these general questions both because of the scope of the work as well as because of the searching test which is thus brought to us as a denomination, is the question raised by the movement looking toward the calling of a World Conference of Christians of all sects, denominations and creeds to consider how all Christians may be able to work together to hasten the realization of that unity for which Christ prayed recorded for us in these words: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us: that the World may believe that Thou hast sent Me." The invitation to the Five Years Meeting of Friends to join in this world-wide Christian movement brought the Executive Committee to the consideration of one of the greatest, if not in reality the greatest, of all the plans of Christian activity which can be conceived. Shall Friends accept the invitation and take an active part in carrying on the work? Considerations may be urged both for and against such a course; but the Executive Committee had no hesitation in taking official action allying Friends with the movement, believing that in the great body of our members as among other Christian peoples, there are working powerfully those forces of righteousness which are impelling the disciples

of Christ of whatever name to magnify the essential unity which real likeness to Christ creates in those who are His followers.

A second series of considerations has had to do with the relation of Friends to the work of Christian Churches of other denominations in America. This field, though less extensive than the one just named, is yet more than nation-wide in scope and fundamentally important for the organization and development of our work as a denomination. Co-operation with the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America has been authorized by the Five Years Meeting itself and through the annual and quadrennial meetings of this organization, Friends have repeatedly within the past five years been able to exert a nation-wide influence.

Another series of problems which are of great importance have to do with the relation between the Boards of the Five Years Meeting and the committees having charge of the corresponding lines of work in the respective Yearly Meetings. As yet, the Executive Committee has been able to do little more than to make very general recommendations on the question. A sub-committee considered the matter and submitted a report, but it is evident that the fields of activity of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting and the respective Yearly Meetings have yet to be defined for most departments in the light of the experience which the developing organization of our work is bringing. In general, the Executive Committee recommends as frequent consultation and as close co-operation as possible between the members of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting, and the members of committees in charge of corresponding lines of work in the respective Yearly Meetings in order that each may stimulate, supplement and assist the other.

We stand, therefore, as we believe, on the threshold of an opportunity for Friends unparalleled in our history. A crisis in our national and in our Church life has found us with an organization ready formed. The Central Office has in this present crisis conducted the work of the American Friends' Service Committee within the limits of the Five Years Meeting, in collecting funds, disseminating information and giving advice.

Because of the plans which have taken definite form in associating ourselves together as a national body of Friends, we have been able to take a place in the world-wide move-

ments for evangelization, for Christian fellowship, and for international brotherhood which we as indvidual Friends or even as Yearly Meetings could not have occupied. We believe that the influence of the Quaker message upon the world has been increased by our union in this Five Years Meeting in accordance with the principle recorded in the Scriptures, "One shall chase a thousand, and two shall put ten thousand to flight;" perhaps the increase of power is in much more than the thousand-fold ratio. Surely, hitherto hath the Lord led us.

### Recommendations and Suggestions

1. We call attention to the fact that hereafter, not less than eleven trustees are to be chosen for the five-year period. If the principles which controlled in deciding upon the number eleven is still to be followed, the number should now be thirteen, since the Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting are now thirteen instead of eleven as was the case when the Articles of Incorporation were adopted.

2. We recommend that the salary of the General Secretary as stated in the report of the Finance Committee be approved.

3. We recommend that the office of Assistant Secretary be made permanent and that the salary after the present year be determined by the Executive Committee.

4. We recommend that the subject of representation at meetings of the Executive Committee in case of absence of regularly appointed members be considered and a definite ruling made by the Five Years Meeting.

5. We recommend a careful consideration of the methods of raising funds for the use of the various Boards and Committees of the Five Years Meeting, taking into account especially the suggestions made in the Report of the Finance Committee, submitted at this time.

6. We recommend that the Five Years Meeting authorize the Executive Committee and General Secretary to issue annually a handbook of information in regard to Friends as suggested in the report on efficiency submitted to the Five Years Meeting in 1912.

7. In view of the fact that the Executive Committee has received official information that Oregon and Kansas Yearly Meetings have since 1912 approved the proposition to amend the

uniform Discipline as referred to in Minute 39 of the proceedings of the Five Years Meeting of 1912, we recommend that the Five Years Meeting request the two Yearly Meetings, which have not yet considered this proposition to consider same and make report to the Executive Committee or to the next Five Years Meeting, viz.: Canada and Nebraska Yearly Meetings.

8. We recommend that the Five Years Meeting confirm the appointment of the delegates (members) and alternates appointed by the Executive Committee for the Quadrennial Council of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. held in St. Louis, Mo., December, 1916; and that the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint members and alternates to the Quadrennial Council of 1920, when the proper time for such appointment to be made comes.

9. We recommend that the Five Years Meeting give instructions as to the auditing of the accounts of the various Boards of the Five Years Meeting; specifically, are the accounts of all Boards to be audited by the Auditing Committee of the Five Years Meeting?

10. We recommend the careful consideration of the report of the Committee of Seven of the Men's Conference which is transmitted with this report.

11. We recommend the careful consideration of the program of activities for the Five Years Meeting prepared by a committee appointed by the Executive Committee and transmitted herewith.

The report of the work of the General Secretary and the Central Office will be presented by Joseph John Mills and Walter C. Woodward.

Respectfully submitted for the Executive Committee.

ALLEN D. HOLE, *Chairman.*
WILLARD O. TRUEBLOOD, *Secretary.*

33. The following reports of the General Secretaries of the Five Years Meeting were read and approved:

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

### For the Years 1914 to 1916, Inclusive.

*To the Five Years Meeting*:

Dear Friends: Under appointment by the Executive Committee, I entered upon the duties of General Secretary on January 1, 1914, and served until my successor, Dr. Walter C. Woodward assumed his duties at the beginning of the present year.

Very little guidance at the outset in the way of a definition of the functions and duties of the General Secretary had been issued, either by the Five Years Meeting or the Executive Committee. In deciding upon the lines of work which might most profitably be pursued, two main considerations were kept in view throughout my entire term of service:

*First,* that the preference shoud be given to such matters as pertained most fundamentally to efficiency in the prosecution of our denominational work in general.

*Second,* that the work undertaken should be of such a character that, when passed over to my successor in office, it might afford a proper working basis for a broader and more effective service in years to come.

Accordingly, my work during the three years of my service was pursued, mainly, upon eight different lines, as follows:

I. The annual collection of the necessary data for, and the publication and distribution of, a Directory of the Five Years Meeting of such character and completeness as to afford a ready and reliable channel of communication between the Central Bureau and the Boards of the Five Years Meeting, on the one hand, and the Boards, standing committees, particular congregations and Bible Schools of the several Yearly Meetings, on the other.

The data contained in this Directory as revised from year to year was as follows:

(1) The name, location and number of members of, approximately, every particular congregation in the Five Years Meeting.

(2) The name and postoffice address of every Pastor in the Five Years Meeting.

(3) The name and postoffice address of a reliable Friend as correspondent in every meeting not served by a pastor, to whom documents for the Meeting and inquiries for information concerning it might be addressed.

This Directory has become indispensable to the prosecution of the work of the Central Bureau, and to some of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting. It has also come to be in demand, to a considerable extent, from various quarters both within and outside the limits of our denomination.

During the first year of my service, chiefly through the cooperation of the Chairman of the Executive Committee, a Directory of the Bible Schools of the Five Years Meeting was compiled for the use of the Bible School Board.

II. The preparation and distribution of an annual Bulletin designed to bring the Five Years Meeting Boards and their several departments of work into more intimate working touch with the membership at large of the Five Years Meeting. These Bulletins contain, in condensed form, definite statements covering the work which was carried forward by the General Secretary, and the various Five Years Meeting Boards for a period of three years.

III. Throughout my terms of service continuous effort was made toward the promotion of an improved system of raising and expending church funds throughout the Five Years Meeting. To this end, authoritative information was gathered concerning the financial methods in use in every Meeting, having fifty or more members in the Five Years Meeting. A pamphlet setting forth the nature and advantages of the Budget, Pledge and Every Member Canvass system was prepared and distributed throughout the Yearly Meetings and its adoption was further promoted through extensive correspondence and a series of articles in *The American Friend*.

It is by no means claimed that credit for the advance movement of our denomination in this line is attributable exclusively to the work of the General Secretary. But it is gratifying to be able to report that very substantial progress has been made. Over one-third of all Meetings having fifty or more members were reported one year ago as employing the Budget, Pledge and Every Member Canvass. Of all the Meetings in the Five Years

Meeting having one hundred or more members, seventy *per cent.* were reported as finding that the results of the method fully justified its adoption.

IV. As a measure for the promotion of greater denominational solidarity and co-operation in church activities, an effort was made during a period of two years to secure the adoption of a system of uniform denominational statistics by all the Yearly Meetings. Through correspondence with Yearly Meeting statisticians, tentative uniform blanks were formulated and submitted for adoption by all the Yearly Meetings. Although this effort was not wholly successful, it was attended by marked improvement in this regard in nearly all the Yearly Meetings.

V. From time to time, considerable assistance was rendered to some of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting in the way of collecting and assembling extensive information concerning their respective fields of service.

VI. Attention was given, through such means as were available, to the promotion of a general sentiment throughout the Yearly Meetings, looking toward the provision and maintenance of ministerial and pastoral forces adequate to meet the increasing requirements of our denomination. No measurable results of this effort can be reported, but a growing conviction of the urgent need in this direction is apparent among American Friends generally.

VII. During my whole terms of service, continuous attention was given to the need of an improved alignment of our denomination with the contemporary advance movements in the Protestant church at large. It may safely be reported that a distinct improvement is noticeable in respect to our position as a denomination in the ranks of the great organized Christian forces of to-day.

VIII. By direction of the Executive Committee, I collected and edited the material for the Year Book of the Five Years Meeting for 1916, the printing and publication of which was done under the direction of Dr. Woodward.

In conclusion, it will doubtless be readily understood that the work of a General Secretary involves a large volume of promiscuous correspondence and other service which is not subject

to classification and presentation in this report. It is hoped, however, that the foregoing outline may serve to exhibit something of the character and amount of the work performed during the three years of my incumbency of the office of General Secretary of the Five Years Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH JOHN MILLS.

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY FOR 1917.

*To the Five Years Meeting*:

How little did we realize when the Central Office was established nine months ago the direction which its activities were so largely to take! Certain problems in development and adjustment were before us, certain tasks had already been laid upon us. Toward these we looked as we undertook the establishment of a central bureau for the service of the Five Years Meeting. Hardly had the doors of the office been opened, and before its equipment had been installed, circumstances took place which largely determined for us the application of a great part of our thought and energy.

First, in the breakdown in health of the editor the first of the year, on account of which the editorial management of *The American Friend* was entrusted to us and has been continued to the present time. Second, the lowering clouds of war broke soon after, bringing the Church face to face with a crisis such as it had not known for generations, if ever. It seemed imperative that the Central Office render whatever service in its power toward the solution of immediate and vexing problems.

Our activities for the past nine months may accordingly be divided into three general divisions: First, Those growing out of the great war. Second, Those attaching to the editorial management of *The American Friend*. Third, Those directed toward the organization of the permanent work of the Central Office.

### I. ACTIVITIES GROWING OUT OF THE WAR

By a conference on April 12, within a week after the entry of the United States into war with Germany, it was decided, in view of the seriousness of the national situation, the demand from

many young Friends for some immediate united action on the part of Friends, and the difficulty of securing such action through any other channel, that, in conjunction with the Peace Association of Friends in America, the Central Office should assume the responsibility of leadership in war matters for the Five Years Meeting. From that time on, the duties evolving from war conditions have occupied a very large share of the time of both the General Secretary and Assistant Secretary, this work being done in close co-operation with the American Friends Service Committee, which was organized in May to succeed the Winona Peace Committee in representing all bodies of Friends, nationally, in all matters pertaining to the war. We are unable to conceive how it would have been possible for Friends to meet worthily the testing times which we have been compelled to face this past summer without some such uniting body as the American Friends Service Committee, the full value of whose service will probably be completely realized only in future years.

The activities growing out of the war, group themselves under two general heads: First, Those having to do with publicity and promotion of our war relief and reconstruction program; Second, Those occasioned by the operation of the selective draft law as it affects Friends.

1. *Activities Having to do With Reconstruction Program.*

One of the earliest endeavors for publicity was to state clearly, through the public press, the position which Friends hold regarding all war, but also the fact that they would endeavor to serve humanity in some constructive way during the present crisis. This took the form of a brief statement given to the Associated Press which appeared on April 19 in daily newspapers in almost every part of the United States.

As a means of informing Friends of the program of war relief and reconstruction decided upon, and urging united support of that program, a Central Office page or department was begun April 19 in *The American Friend,* which has been maintained ever since. Also a series of letters, mailed directly to each congregation in the Five Years Meeting federation, has sought to make clear the responsibility of every local community to contribute systematically of means and of men for relief and reconstruction. The first of these letters went out in May, a

second early in June, enclosing enrollment blank for Reconstruction Unit No. 1. In July, letters were sent to the pastor and at least one, usually two, to other leading members of each congregation, signed jointly by the General Secretary, the President of the Peace Association of Friends in America, the Field Secretary of the Young Friends Board, and in most cases also by the Evangelistic Superintendent of the Yearly Meeting to which the congregation belonged. These letters asked the persons addressed to take the initiative in organizing their congregations for service, in accordance with suggestions outlined in detail in Bulletins 1 to 5 of the American Friends Service Committee, which had been prepared jointly by the Philadelphia and Richmond offices and which accompanied the letters. About forty thousand of these Bulletins were assembled, wrapped in various sized bundles, and mailed from the Central Office, the speedy accomplishment of the work being made possible by a number of loyal volunteer assistants.

In July, also, the design for the Quaker Canning label was secured by the Central Office, electrotyped, printed in colors, and distribution of the labels begun in response to orders.

Realizing that any amount of printed propaganda fell short of the effectiveness of personal visitation and addresses, and that Friends generally were still unconscious of the magnitude and significance of the present crisis, an arrangement was made whereby Thomas E. Jones, secretary of the Young Friends Board, was secured to travel and speak during July and August under the auspices of the Central Office in support of the program of the American Friends Service Committee. In September, a more extended speaking campaign was launched, with three purposes in view: To fortify members in the principles of Quakerism; to give impetus to the prosecution of our reconstruction program; to counsel with our young men called in the draft. By arrangement with the American Friends Service Committee, the campaign in the territory west of the Alleghenies was conducted under the auspices of the Central Office. In this we again had the valuable assistance of Thomas E. Jones in directing the campaign, which was carried on by selected teams of workers in the various Yearly Meetings.

As results of these efforts, enrollments of young men for reconstruction work in France began to be received in June, and one hundred men began training at Haverford the middle of July. Practically all of these are now in France, and a second unit will sail in the near future. Up to date, something more than thirty thousand dollars, largely in monthly subscriptions, has been received for war relief by the Central Office as the channel of contributions for the Five Years Meeting, of which $25,000 has been forwarded to the American Friends Service Committee. About one-fifth or one-fourth of the congregations in the Five Years Meeting are now sending in monthly contributions of funds through the Central Office. The amounts are distributed through the various Yearly Meetings as follows:

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| New England | $5,608.18 |
| New York | 1,661.81 |
| Baltimore | 5,577.41 |
| North Carolina | 949.77 |
| Wilmington | 1,616.49 |
| Indiana | 5,148.48 |
| Western | 4,067.00 |
| Iowa | 2,541.43 |
| Kansas | 1,827.39 |
| Nebraska | 354.12 |
| Oregon | 406.72 |
| California | 1,885.71 |

Canada Yearly Meeting, for obvious reasons, has not been asked to co-operate.

Though without definite statistics, we know also that a large number of Quaker Canning Clubs and Goodwill Sewing Circles have been organized, in accordance with suggestions given, and that at least a few community gardens were planted. National Service Leagues and physical training classes were organized and directed by five Friends colleges during the spring months.

A large amount of correspondence has been carried on all summer with individuals and officers of local service committees by means of which methods of organization and work have been repeatedly outlined and explained in detail. In this, as it related

to the formation of Canning Clubs, the Central Office had very efficient volunteer assistance from Miss Marianna Dickinson.

2. *Activities Occasioned by the Selective Draft Law.*

The order of Provost Marshal General Crowder, providing that our young men be certified to army camps for non-combatant service, presented a crisis to Friends which required immediate but judicious action. The first step taken by this office was to send out night telegrams to pastors or other members of our local Meetings, asking them to send us lists of their young men of conscription age. As a result, we have compiled a mailing list of some 3,500 names and are thus able to keep in direct communication with the majority of our young Friends subject to the draft law.

The problem of giving counsel to our young men called to service has been a very difficult one. In the first place, it has been hard to determine the proper course of action, and in the second place to determine how far we should give advice in the matter. Two conferences of Friends to consider the question in its various phases were held at Philadelphia in August and September, under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee, both of which the General Secretary attended. He was accompanied on the first by the President of the Peace Association of Friends in America, with whom this office has worked in close co-operation in meeting the various problems as they have arisen; and on the second by the Field Secretary of the Young Friends Board.

Three separate letters of information and counsel, totaling about 7,500, have been printed and mailed successively by this office to our young men of draft age, these letters growing out of the consideration and judgment of the above mentioned Philadelphia conferences. With each of these letters was enclosed a copy of some recent discussion of Friends' reasons for opposing war, such as "The Quaker Peace Position," by Rufus M. Jones, "Jesus and Militarism," by Elbert Russell, "Conscientious Objectors and Alternate Service," by Allen D. Hole, or "The Spiritual Danger of the War in Europe: a Message from the Society of Friends." When our supply of these tracts was exhausted,

Allen D. Hole prepared especially for the emergency one which discusses definitely many of the questions now troubling our young men, entitled, "The Great War and the Years to Follow." These were sent to satisfy repeatedly expressed desires from the men for information along these lines.

In addition we have spent a great deal of our time in giving attention to individual cases as they have arisen all over the country. We have held almost innumerable personal conferences with those within reach of the Central Office, some coming across a state for interviews. Correspondence has been heavy and continuous with men throughout the Five Years Meeting who have been and are looking to us for guidance in the various complications and difficulties which have faced them. Since mobilization began, we are having correspondence with Friends in camp, giving advice and encouragement. In some instances we have served as an intelligence exchange, being able to put Friends in the same camp in touch with each other, and with representatives of the Church who have been sent there to look after their interests. We have felt that in urgency and importance no work in this office should take precedence over such care and encouragement as we have thus been able to offer.

## II. The Editorial Management of The American Friend

We believe that through the exigencies of the national crisis, more has been accomplished within the last nine months in bringing a consciousness of interdependence and unity in the Five Years Meeting, functioning through the Central Office, than could ordinarily have been realized in years. This is stated in all humility, not as resulting from any special ability or merit on our part, but rather as the result of the combination of circumstances —on one hand the crisis, on the other an organized means of meeting it, in part at least. As Friends are learning to look for information and guidance in time of emergency to the constituted machinery of the Five Years Meeting, so we believe they will continue to look for such when that emergency shall have passed, thus giving us more of that cohesiveness and group action for which we have stood in such need.

A very important contributing factor toward this end has been our editorial management of *The American Friend* during these critical, strenuous days. The crisis has demanded such

speedy action under stress of special circumstances, such oneness of speaking and unity of direction, as to make the temporary combination of Central Office and Church paper most timely and helpful. It has enabled us to shape the whole editorial policy of the paper, directing it to the support of our general program and making it respond quickly and effectively to the demands as they have arisen. Obviously, this has taken very much of our time and effort, but we are confident that they have been amply justified, by the added efficiency given our work.

III. Organization of Permanent Work of the Central Office

Despite what may be termed our unusual, if not abnormal, activities, we have been able to make considerable progress toward establishing our work along permanent lines. The first thing necessary was the securing of office accomodations. A room was found in the Second National Bank Building, which, though inadequate for permanent headquarters, has been made to answer our needs temporarily, and has been partially furnished with necessary equipment.

Records and files have been started for such ready reference on important matters as is invaluable to us and the Church as a whole. We have started a card catalogue system whereby we are beginning the collection and arrangement of necessary information concerning our local Meetings and pastors in their various activities, which will ultimately include an up-to-date list and directory.

Toward the same end a questionaire has been carefully prepared for pastors and evangelists, to be circulated as soon as conditions are favorable, which we believe will be advantageous in assisting in the very important work of bringing the field and the worker together. We have already been able to render some service in the location of pastors; also in assisting pastors and workers with data for papers and addresses.

Considerable attention has been given the subject of proper publicity, as preparation for future work. We have attempted both to gather outside information concerning the public attitude toward Friends and to dispense publicity concerning the position and principles of Friends. To care for the former, we arranged

for the service of a New York news clipping bureau, which daily brings us clippings from newspapers from all over the United States, having to do in any way with Quakers. It was this service which made possible the symposium which appeared in *The American Friend* of July 26—a symposium of newspaper comment of the American press on the Friends and their position in the present crisis. To care for the former, that of dispensing information concerning Friends, we have issued public statements to the press, have sent literature to non-members, have made public addresses, have in person brought our position before the Federal Council of Churches, have had literature prepared for circulation among Friends, and have conducted a rather wide correspondence.

The Year Book, the material for which was prepared by Joseph John Mills, former General Secretary, was advertised by this office, both by personal letters to pastors and through *The American Friend,* and has been distributed by us to the number of 1,128. With a charge of twenty-five cents for single copies and twenty cents for lots of ten or more, we have received $205.29, with approximately forty dollars yet to be collected.

So far as manifold duties permitted, the General Secretary has attended conferences and meetings, both denominational and interdenominational. Among the former, he was present at Nebraska Yearly Meeting in June, North Carolina and Wilmington Meetings in August, and Indiana Yearly Meeting in September, and at two important conferences of Friends at Philadelphia in August and in September. Of the interdenominational gatherings he attended the quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council of Churches at St. Louis in December, the Home Missions Council, a council on Missionary Education and a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of Churches, all in New York City in January, and a special meeting of the Federal Council itself at Washington, D. C., in May, called to give attention to the special responsibilities laid upon the Church by the war. The Central Office has kept in continuous touch with the Federal Council, with which we as a Church are affiliated, has supplied it with data from time to time, and,

through *The American Friend,* has kept Friends in touch with interdenominational interests.

It suffices merely to mention the wide correspondence which has been conducted with officers, committees and boards of the Church as well as with individuals, together with very many personal conferences, bearing upon various subjects of import to the Society of Friends.

As chairman of the committee on a five year program for the Five Years Meeting, the General Secretary, after correspondence and consultation with members of the committee and others, has drawn up such a program which will be submitteed separately.

In review of the past five years it is important that certain facts and statistics be brought before the Five Years Meeting for consideration and interpretation. Investigations in this field have been made by Charles E. Tebbetts, whom we have asked to present his findings and whose statistics will be later embodied in this report.

## Plans for Future Work

In concluding this report, I wish merely to suggest, without discussion, a few phases of work which the Central Office contemplates taking up as soon as possible.

1. The preparation of reading courses in Friends history and principles, in modern Church problems and in good citizenship, for reading circles and study groups.

2. Preparation of guide lists of current publications of interest to Friends, especially young people, to be issued periodically.

3. The promotion, in co-operation with our educational institutions, of college extension courses for ministers and Christian workers.

4. The development of a Friends' service bureau, through which our Christian workers in various fields, may be aided in finding acceptable service.

5. Development of interest in and study of Friends work in large cities, through such agencies as the city page in *The American Friend* instituted last spring.

6. Encouragement of surveys of rural Friends Meetings, with a view to meeting the critical situation presented by the rural Church problem.

7. Co-operation with the Publication Board looking toward a material increase in the subscription list of *The American Friend.*

8. Prosecution of a definite campaign looking toward the extension of the every-member canvass and budget system of Church finance.

WALTER C. WOODWARD, *General Secretary.*

34. In connection with the above reports, Charles E. Tebbetts presented a tabular statement of the membership of the Meetings comprising the Five Years Meeting, and a financial statement of these meetings for the past five years, as follows:

# TABULAR STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP.

1912—1917.

| | Births | Deaths | Balance | Letters In | Letters Out | Letters Balance | Certificates In | Certificates Out | Certificates Balance | Requests | Dismissals | Not Accounted For | Balance | Members 1917 | Members 1912 | Members Balance | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England ..... | 99 | 326 | —227 | 33 | 65 | —32 | 122 | 126 | —4 | 360 | 106 | 15 | +239 | 4032 | 4056 | —24 | Min. | 1916 | 3997 |
| New York ..... | 91 | 224 | —133 | 92 | 108 | —16 | 140 | 134 | +6 | 561 | 225 | a | +391 | 3830 | 3582 | +248 | Min. | 1914 | 3578 |
| Canada ..... | 75 | 77 | —2 | | | | 123 | 75 | +48 | 47 | 11 | 198 | —162 | 973 | 1089 | —116 | | | |
| Baltimore ..... | 55 | 81 | —26 | 9 | 11 | —2 | 29 | 62 | —33 | 152 | 104 | a | +59 | 1206 | 1208 | —2 | Min. | 1915 | 1188 |
| North Carolina .... | 558 | 307 | +251 | 136 | 138 | —2 | 961 | 811 | —150 | 1695 | 566 | 277 | +852 | 8657 | 7406 | +1251 | Min. | 1913 | 7387 |
| Wilmington ..... | 221 | 386 | +165 | 139 | 200 | —61 | 341 | 431 | —90 | 1030 | 568 | 3 | +459 | 6510 | 6367 | +143 | Max. | 1915 | 6575 |
| Indiana ..... | *707 | *1004 | *—297 | *517 | *629 | *—112 | *1331 | *1540 | *—209 | *4267 | *2432 | 2449 | —614 | 19849 | 21081 | —1232 | Max. | 1914 | 21081 |
| Western ..... | *515 | *782 | *—267 | *380 | *597 | *—217 | *980 | *927 | *+53 | *3290 | *1487 | 3254 | —1451 | 13506 | 15388 | —1882 | Min. | 1916 | 13000 |
| Iowa ..... | 449 | 401 | +48 | 265 | 582 | —317 | 878 | 1106 | —228 | 1786 | 1405 | a | +447 | 8333 | 8383 | —50 | Min. | 1914 | 8024 |
| Kansas ..... | 774 | 485 | +289 | 426 | 587 | —161 | 1624 | 1659 | —35 | 2316 | 2520 | 96 | —300 | 11627 | 11834 | —207 | Min. | 1916 | 11359 |
| Nebraska ..... | *92 | *105 | | *80 | *110 | | *445 | *475 | | *492 | *340 | a | +282 | 2327 | 2118 | +209 | Min. | 1913 | 1992 |
| Oregon ..... | 168 | 112 | +56 | 152 | 124 | —28 | 227 | 149 | +78 | 678 | 304 | 12 | +362 | 2927 | 2403 | +524 | | | |
| California ..... | 168 | 185 | —17 | 326 | 325 | —1 | 1130 | 549 | +581 | 799 | 475 | 148 | +176 | 4022 | 3281 | +741 | | | |
| Total in Five Years' Meeting... | 3972 | 4475 | —503 | 2555 | 3476 | —921 | 8331 | 8044 | | 17473 | 10543 | 6187 | | 87799 | 88196 | —397 | | | |
| Philadelphia ..... | 207 | 428 | —221 | | | | 308 | 264 | +44 | 270 | 84 | a | +194 | 4457 | 4440 | +17 | | | |
| Ohio ..... | 283 | 281 | +2 | | 438 | —438 | 470 | 338 | +132 | 1726 | 801 | 502 | +423 | 5704 | 5585 | +119 | | | |
| Total in America... | 4462 | 5184 | —722 | | 3914 | | 9109 | 8646 | | 19469 | 11428 | 6179 | | 97960 | 98221 | —261 | | | |
| London ..... | 657 | 1490 | —833 | | | | 75 | 160 | —85 | 2127 | 675 | | | 19612 | 20059 | +447 | | | |

* Averages from partial reports.

a Gain and loss compared show small excess over membership totals.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR FIVE YEARS.

| | Foreign Miss. 1912 | Foreign Miss. 1917 | Ave. 1917 | At Home 1912 | At Home 1917 | Total 1912 | Contributions 1917 | Contributions Av.1917 | Build'g 5 years | Past. Support 1912 | Past. Support 1917 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| New England | $5,901 | $4,867 | $1.57 | a$6,812 | $25,447 | $12,713 | e$30,314 | $8.63 | b | | c$17,310 |
| New York | 4,661 | 2,762 | .83 | 21,722 | 26,311 | 26,383 | e 29,073 | 8.71 | d 13,277 | $11,105 | 12,258 |
| Canada | 2,452 | 2,064 | 2.47 | a1,427 | 3,575 | 3,889 | e 5,639 | | b | b | c 2,500 |
| Baltimore | 2,523 | 2,830 | 2.84 | a4,256 | 8,472 | 6,779 | e 11,302 | 11.36 | b | b | c 2,800 |
| No. Carolina | 1,730 | 2,515 | .35 | 23,771 | 31,691 | 25,501 | 34,206 | 3.75 | 37,255 | 4,894 | 9,221 |
| Wilmington | 1,551 | 3,094 | .53 | 21,906 | 23,660 | 23,457 | 26,754 | 5.30 | 34,913 | 6,519 | 8,490 |
| Indiana | 10,660 | 13,780 | .82 | 92,093 | 143,679 | 102,753 | 157,459 | 8.03 | 224,108 | 27,356 | 40,768 |
| Western | 7,234 | 10,144 | .90 | 49,583 | 65,183 | 56,817 | 75,327 | 7.09 | 58,167 | 24,591 | 29,868 |
| Iowa | 7,602 | 9,437 | 1.19 | 43,417 | 75,517 | 51,019 | 84,954 | 12.02 | 137,719 | 23,677 | 29,632 |
| Kansas | 4,854 | 5,096 | .57 | 35,735 | 65,250 | 40,589 | 70,346 | 5.53 | 61,042 | 13,253 | 20,867 |
| Nebraska | 1,115 | 1,050 | .58 | 9,634 | 18,005 | 10,749 | 19,055 | 6.87 | 18,128 | 6,322 | 6,369 |
| Oregon | 2,434 | 2,603 | 1,06 | 16,797 | 13,501 | 19,231 | 16,104 | 7.42 | 10,620 | 5,789 | 7,107 |
| California | 8,464 | 12,859 | 3,91 | 29,975 | 75,552 | 38,439 | 88,411 | 19.29 | 71,024 | 11,790 | 17,035 |
| Total | $61,181 | $73,101 | $0.98 | $357,128 | $575,843 | $418,319 | $648,944 | $8.72 | $666,253 | $135,296 | $204,225 |

a Does not include Pastoral Support.

b Not reported.

c Estimate made by a member of Yearly Meeting.

d For two years only.

e Exclusive of expenditure of building and upkeep of church property.

All averages made on basis of active membership.

35. The Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting being unable to be present at this session, the arranging of a time for the presentation of his report was referred to the Business Committee.

36. The following report of the Finance Committee was made by the Chairman, and was approved. The recommendations contained therein were referred to the Business Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*To the Five Years Meeting*:

The Finance Committee appointed in 1912, submits the following report:

In October, 1912, the Committee met and organized by selecting Miles White, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., as Chairman, and John H. Johnson, of Richmond, Ind., as Secretary.

Since then there has been no regular meeting: each year those members present in Richmond at the time of the meeting of the Executive Committee have met and consulted, after which the business of the Committee has been conducted by correspondence so that each member has had an opportunity of expressing his opinion and giving his advice upon all matters under consideration.

It is well to remember that the present financial plan of the Five Years Meeting provides: *Firstly,* That the administrative expenses of the Meeting and its Boards shall be paid by the Five Years Meeting. *Secondly,* That the funds to be used by the various Boards in their work shall be raised by voluntary contributions. The Finance Committee is not charged with any duty in providing the funds with which to carry on the general work of any of the Boards, nor has it any oversight as to the manner in which said funds when received were expended. The Yearly Meeting Delegates to the Five Years Meeting were assigned the duty of securing these funds. (Minutes 1912, pp. 135-136.)

The duty of the Finance Committee is confined solely to ascertaining and providing for the administrative expenses of the Meeting and its Boards, and certifying to the Treasurer that the items in bills approved by the Chairmen of the Boards are proper ones to be included in administrative expenses. (Minutes, 1902 p. 42; 1907, p. 101.)

The method of financing the administrative expenses is set forth in the Report of the Committee on Efficiency of the Five Years Meeting (Minutes, 1912, pp. 131-132), which provides:

"*First,* That its financial affairs be conducted on a cash basis. *Second,* That the sum of these expenses be apportioned among the several Yearly Meetings in proportion to their membership. Remittances of these amounts are to be made to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting before the close of the calendar year, i. e., three months after the *beginning* of the fiscal year. By reference to the discussion concerning its adoption as found in the Minutes, 1902, pp. 352-354, it is clear that this financial plan provides for (1) a cash basis; (2) the determining in October (the first month of the fiscal year) what the requirements for the ensuing year will be and the assessment of the same on the Yearly Meetings *pro rata* according to membership; (3) payment of said assessment prior to December 31; (4) the supposition that the Treasurer or the Permanent Board of the Yearly Meeting will borrow the money if it is not on hand; (5) each Yearly Meeting to decide for itself how it will raise its quota from its membership.

The importance of the cash basis and money being in hand cannot be too strongly insisted upon. When the services of clerks and others have to be provided for it is necessary to know that the funds will be in hand to pay them."

In accordance with the above plans the Committee has annually ascertained the probable financial needs of the several Boards and Committees for the administrative expenses of the current fiscal year, and when the total amount to be raised has

been agreed upon it has been pro rated among the Yearly Meetings according to their membership, and the Treasurer of each Yearly Meeting has been notified of the amount his Yearly Meeting should pay, with a request that he remit the amount to the Treasurer, Francis A. Wright, Jr., before the ensuing December 31.

The total assessments for the five years amount to $19,341.80, which amount should have been paid to the Treasurer. His report will show not only the amount received, but also the amount expended by each Board and Committee. When amounts appropriated were not entirely used by the Board during the year the balance was carried forward by the Treasurer into the General Fund, so that a new appropriation was made each year for each Board for the estimated needs of that year.

The average membership has been 87,654 and the average annual assesment for each one hundred members has been $4.42 not quite four and one-half cents a member. The establishment of the Central Office in Richmond, Indiana, and the employment of a General Secretary and assistants will require a larger assessment in the future.

The report of the Commission on Efficiency of the Five Years Meeting suggested that "an annual assessment of ten cents per member ought to produce a fund sufficient to meet all administrative expenses" (Minutes, 912, p. 130) and it is likely that such an assessment will be required in the near future, if the work is to grow.

The Treasurer has provided a satisfactory corporate bond each year for $3,000.

The tabulated statement herewith shows in detail the membership of each Yearly Meeting each year, the rate per one hundred members assessed, and the amount such assessments would produce.

## TABULATED STATEMENT.

| Meetings. Yearly | 1913 Rate $5.50 | | 1914 Rate $3.50 | | 1915 Rate $3.50 | | 1916 Rate $3.60 | | 1917 Rate 6.00 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Members. | Amount. | Members. | Amount. | Members. | Amount. | Members. | Amount. | Members. | Amount. |
| Baltimore | 1 208 | $66.00 | 1,220 | $42.00 | 1,209 | $42.00 | 1,188 | $43.20 | 1,206 | $72.00 |
| California | 3,281 | 181.50 | 3,534 | 122.50 | 3,756 | 129.50 | 3,901 | 140.40 | 4,002 | 240.00 |
| Canada | 1,089 | 60.50 | 1,099 | 38.50 | 954 | 31.50 | 956 | 32.40 | 973 | 60.00 |
| Indiana | 21,081 | 1,160.50 | 20,304 | 710.50 | 21,081 | 738.50 | 20,986 | 756.00 | 20,986 | 1,260.00 |
| Iowa | 8,383 | 462.00 | 8,528 | 297.50 | 8,024 | 280.00 | 8,319 | 298.80 | 8,286 | 498.00 |
| Kansas | 11,834 | 649.00 | 11,858 | 413.00 | 11,555 | 402.50 | 11,388 | 410.40 | 11,359 | 678.00 |
| Nebraska | 1,880 | 104.50 | 1,992 | 70.00 | 2,048 | 70.00 | 2,116 | 75.60 | 2,327 | 138.00 |
| New England | 4,056 | 220.00 | 4,039 | 140.00 | 4,041 | 140.00 | 4.042 | 144.00 | 3,997 | 240.00 |
| New York | 3,582 | 198.00 | 3,597 | 126.00 | 3,674 | 133.20 | 3,674 | 133.20 | 3,724 | 222.00 |
| North Carolina | 7,406 | 407.00 | 7,387 | 259.00 | 7,901 | 276.50 | 8,055 | 288.00 | 8,232 | 492.00 |
| Oregon | 2,403 | 132.00 | 2,496 | 87.50 | 2,560 | 87.50 | 2,608 | 93.60 | 2,779 | 168.00 |
| Western | 15,454 | 847.00 | 15,454 | 539.00 | 15,000 | 525.00 | 13,160 | 471.60 | 13,000 | 780.00 |
| Wilmington | 6,367 | 352.00 | 6,291 | 220.50 | 6,428 | 224.00 | 6,576 | 237.60 | 6,475 | 390.00 |
| Total | 88,024 | $4,840.00 | 87,799 | $3,066.00 | 88,135 | $3,073.00 | 86,968 | $3,124.80 | 87,346 | $5,238.00 |

At each of the previous sessions of the Five Years Meeting requests have been made for the inclusion of additional items in the administrative expenses of the Board, and it is not improbable that similar requests may be made this year. It has therefore been deemed advisable to state herein, for the information of the Meeting and of the Finance Committee to be appointed, what items of expense have heretofore been duly authorized. They are as follows:

### Five Years Meeting

In addition to the ordinary incidental expenses of heating, lighting, postage, stenographers, etc., and the cost of publishing in full its proceedings and distributing the same, the expenses of necessary employees, and any expenses specifically authorized by said Meeting, but not board or lodging of the delegates (1902, p. 43); corporate bond and necessary clerical assistance for the Treasurer (1902, pp. 44, 356); office expenses of the Central Bureau and of the Executive Committee shall be deemed a part of the expenses of the Five Years Meeting (1912, p. 269); annual payment of $100 into treasury of the Federation of Churches (1912, p. 274); such items as the Executive Committee may interpret to be considered "administrative expenses" (1912, p. 280); necessary travelling expenses of persons who are appointed by this meeting for any special service, this to include Friends' Publication Board and Church Federation Committee (1912, p. 281).

### General Secretary

Provision for the salary and expenses of the General Secretary shall be left with the Executive Committee (1912, p. 270) in addition to salary of General Secretary there shall be an appropriation not to exceed $400 per year for clerical work and office expenses the items of same to be approved by the Central Committee, also that such travelling expenses be allowed the General Secretary as the Central Committee may approve (Ex. Com. 10-24, 1913); that salary for 1917 be $2,000, gradually increasing until a maximum of $2,500 is reached in 1922, with an annual allowance for travelling expenses and office assistance in addition, the amount due to be paid upon approval by the Central Committee (10-19, 1916); salary of an assistant to the General Secretary for 1917 to be $900 (10-20, 1916).

### Central Office

Office expenses of the Central Bureau shall be deemed a part of the expenses of the Five Years Meeting (1912, p. 269); $400 allowed for clerical work, when approved by Central Committee shall be included in the expenses of the Central Office as provided for by assessment (Ex. Com., 10-24, 1913); Central Committee to secure and furnish suitable room for Central Office for which filing cases, typewriters and some furniture had been authorized, (10-1, 1914), also 5,000 copies of Year Book ordered to be printed and distributed (Ex. Com., 10-19, 1916).

### Executive Committee

Office expenses of Executive Committee shall be deemed a part of the expenses of the Five Years Meeting (1912, p. 269); such items as the Executive Committee may interpret to be "administrative expenses" (1912, p. 280); administrative expenses shall include the expenses of members of the Executive Committee for railroad fares and sleeping car fare when needed to and from the place of meeting of the Committee, with an allowance of $1.50 per day for board while away from home (Ex. Com., 4-22, 1913). Report of Committee to Five Years Meeting to be printed (Ex. Com. 10-19, 1916).

### All Boards or Standing Committees

"Costs of Administration" of the respective Boards to include expenses of correspondence, including stationary and postage, necessary printing, and the travelling expenses of the members of the Executive Committee of said Boards, incurred in the attendance of the meetings, deemed necessary and ordered by said respective boards (1907, p. 100); such items as have been interpreted as administrative expenses by the Executive Committee of Five Years Meeting (1912, p. 280); but not to include the printing of the annual reports of the Boards (1912, p. 280). In addition to above, within the limits of the appropriation made for each Board, necessary stenography and typewriting, but no clerical fees or salaries (Ex. Com., 4-22, 1913). Members of the Executive Committees of the various Boards shall be allowed the same travelling expenses and board as members of the Executive Committee above stated (Ex. Com., 4-22, 1913).

### Foreign Mission Board

Expenses for administration not otherwise provided for (1902, p. 42); expenses of the Missionary Board in the attendance of its annual meetings as has heretofore been the practice (1907, p. 110).

### Board of Legislation

The cost of administration of the Board of Legislation may include the travelling expenses of its members, not exceeding two, in their attendance at Washington, D. C., and other places, when such visits are made necessary, in order to secure and promote good and useful legislation by the Congress of the United States (1907, pp. 100-101).

### Delegates Appointed by Five Years Meeting or by the Executive Committee

The necessary travelling expenses of persons who are appointed by this Meeting for any special service (1912, p. 281); $100 for 1917 and small additions each year as needed to meet the expenses of delegates to important gatherings to which the Executive Committee may appoint delegates (Ex. Com., 10-19, 1916).

### Suggestions

The expenses of sending delegates from the various Boards of this Meeting to various Inter-denominational Boards or Commissions have not been provided for under the head of "administrative expenses," but have been left for the various Boards to provide, should they deem it advisable to appoint such delegates. The number and importance of such Inter-denominational Boards have increased very much in late years, and some of our Boards consider co-operation and representation very desirable, but their funds have generally been insufficient to bear the expense.

Although the only duty of this Committee is to provide the funds to meet the regular costs of administration, it has seemed to it opportune to bring to the attention of this Meeting some of the needs for greater financial support of some Friends' work in the hope that due consideration may be given to them, and possibly some plans devised whereby these needs may be at least partially provided for.

These needs may be divided into three classes:

1. Annual Income for the Boards of this Meeting for their regular and usual work and for representation in Inter-denominational Boards.
2. Permanent Endowments for some of these Boards, whose needs vary from year to year, and at times are much greater than their usual income can finance.
3. Funds for philanthropic and other work common to all branches of the Society of Friends and in the prosecution of which they all could advantageously unite.

Under the first head it is suggested that more definite instruction be given, and practical arrangements made for the presentation of the needs of the Boards and the securing of more general and liberal contributions from the members of all our Meetings, so that the Boards may increase their work, employ secretaries when needed and may send representatives to such bodies as, the various Summer Conferences of the Y. M. C. A.; the Council of Church Boards of Education; the various Commissions and Committees of the Council of the Federated Churches; the World's Conferences on Faith and Order; the American Council of the World Alliance for Promoting International Friendship through the Churches.

Under the second head it is suggested that definite steps be taken to secure large endowments for the heretofore announced great needs of the Board of Education and of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board, so that the former may aid the various Colleges under the care of our Yearly Meetings, and the latter may assist in the erection of needed meeting houses, and the care of aged and disabled ministers.

Under the third head it is suggested that proper steps be taken to promote the co-operation of all branches of Friends in the active work and support of such organizations as the American Friends Service Committee; The Fellowship of Reconciliation: The Cedar Lake Conferences; The Woolman School; etc.

In conclusion, this Committee desires to call to the attention of the Five Years Meeting the seriousness of the financial problems in making efficient the work of the Meeting. Common honesty requires that we should have funds in hand to meet our

obligations as they accrue, and the constructive work by the Five Years Meeting requires confidence inspired by a generous backing and indication of interest on the part of our membership. We hear that all too often a Secretary of the Five Years Meeting is treated as if he were a Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., or of some other distinct religious denomination. When we appoint Boards, Committees, Delegates or Secretaries, it is our duty not only to supply them with adequate funds to properly carry on the work entrusted to them, but also to manifest a sympathetic interest in their work as it progresses.

An example of the possibilities latent in the Society of Friends when it arouses itself to pull together for any enterprise is found in the work of the American Friends Service Committee, which is by many considered to be the most important work that is now being engaged in by members of all branches of the Society of Friends and which requires the largest financial support.

While not aware of the total amounts pledged towards its first annual budget of $500,000, we are informed that of the $185,000 paid in to the Committee during the past four months, Philadelphia Yearly Meeting (Orthodox) contributed $80,000; Seven Hicksite Yearly Meetings (largely Philadelphia) $75,000, and the Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting, $25,000.

There is no question that the Society of Friends can finance an undertaking upon which it embarks, but the Five Years Meeting would seem to need a greater manifestation of co-operative faith.

How can this manifestation be now best secured is one of the great problems for this Meeting, and upon its proper solution greatly depends the future of the Society.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

MILES WHITE, JR., *Chairman.*
JOHN H. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

37. The Committee of Seven, appointed by the International Conference of Men Friends, submitted the following report, which was approved. The recommenda-

tions contained in the report were referred to the Business Committee.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN

*To the Five Years Meeting*:

Committee: S. Edgar Nicholson, Miles White, Jr., David W. Edwards, John H. Johnson, Wallace C. Kemp, L. Hollingsworth Wood, Addison W. Naylor.

The Committee of Seven, appointed by the International Conference of Men Friends, which met in Richmond, Indiana, in October of 1915, takes pleasure in submitting the following:

The minute of our appointment is found on Page 7 of the printed proceedings of the conference and is as follows:

"We have had our attention forcibly called to the openings for church extension in the newer settlements of our country as well as in our large cities. That this work, as well as that of other important departments, may be advanced, we have appointed a committee to confer with the Boards of the Five Years Meeting and to report to its next session, in 1917, a plan for the revision of the work of these Boards, if any revision seems to them best, and a plan for suitably financing their needs."

### Scope of Committee's Work

The committee has conducted a somewhat extensive correspondence upon this question in an effort to see how nearly the members were agreed upon the different matters involved. In addition, communications were sent to each of the Boards and Committees of the Five Year Meeting, inviting their attention to certain tentative suggestions that were being considered by the committee. Copies of these suggestions were also sent to a number of interested Friends throughout the country, and a statement of their views, together with the views of the Boards, was solicited. Finally the chairman held several conferences with interested Friends in various Yearly Meetings, both in groups and singly, seeking to get the whole question involved before Friends generally throughout the country.

It has seemed to the committee from the beginning that there are more Boards and Committees of the Five Years Meeting than the size of our denomination would warrant, and that such Boards and Committees as we do have are not sufficiently

co-ordinated with the working machinery of the different Yearly Meetings, nor are they related to each other in a way that will guarantee the best exhibition of that sympathetic team work which is so essential in a working organization.

The committee has given consideration to the object of its appointment under three general heads; (1) A reduction of the number of Boards and their relation to each other; (2) The co-ordination of the Boards with the corresponding machinery of the Yearly Meetings. (3) The proper financing of the Boards for efficient service.

PLAN OF ORGANIZATION

1. It has seemed to the Committee that there can be an adjustment and combination of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting that will add to the efficiency of the work and probably save something worth while in the way of administration expenses. There are many reasons why Friends should have a Home Mission department that will combine all the home mission activities of the church and thus avoid on the one hand duplication of effort and on the other hand avoid the dilemma of one Board relying upon another to accomplish results. We, therefore, are united in asking the Five Years Meeting to consider the following suggested arrangement for our Boards and Committees:

(a) A Foreign Mission Board as constituted at present: (We would recommend that consideration be given to the question of co-ordinating the Women's Foreign Missionary Union with the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions.)

(b) A Home Mission and Church Extension Board, combining the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board, the Social Service Board, and the Board on the Welfare and Condition of the Negro, which Board shall also have jurisdiction over such home mission activities as may be undertaken among mountaineers, among aliens resident in the United States and in new centers not now occupied by Friends.

(c) A Board on Publication, Bible School and Educational Interests, combining the Publication Board, the Bible School Board, the Board on Education and the Board on Young Friends Activities, with two departments, one on publication interests and the other on publicity or propaganda.

(d) A Board on Peace and Arbitration.

(e) A Board on Legislation and the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic.

(f) An Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs.

(g) A Board of Trustees, which shall be constituted the financial board of the Five Years Meeting.

### The Secretaries

We would recommend that a Central Office be continued with a General Secretary in charge, with duties as at present. If the present tendency toward secretarial work shall continue it seems all the more important that as many boards as possible shall be put under one heading in order to limit properly the number of secretaries. Under this arrangement it would seem advisable that Boards designated (a), (b) and (c) should each have one or more field secretaries, and that the secretarial service of the last Board (c) should be directed particularly to the publicity or propaganda interests of said Board.

### Make-up of Boards

The Comimttee recommends that in the interest of economy in administration expenses, as well as greater efficiency in service, the Boards shall be made up of a fewer number of persons. We would recommend that the Boards (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) be composed of one member from each Yearly Meeting; that Boards (f) and (g) be composed as at present; that if the Women's Foreign Missionary Union be co-ordinated with the Foreign Mission Board, the former shall be entitled to name two of its members upon the latter Board; that Advisory or Correspondence Committees for each separate department in Boards (b) and (c) may be appointed by said Boards as occasion seems to require, and that in all cases the chairmen of departmental Committees shall be members of the Board of which the Committee is a constituent part. We recommend that each of the Boards (a), (b), (c), (d), and (e) be authorized to appoint from their number an Executive Committee of five, somewhat centrally located, which shall meet quarterly or oftener if occasion demands, a transcript of the proceedings to be sent following each meeting to the other members of the Boards for review and approval.

### Argument

While the Home Mission and Church Extension Board should foster the spirit of Evangelism, and lay plans therefor as the proper basis of its Church Extension Work, and should even go so far as to survey the entire field of Evangelism and Evangelists for the information and encouragement of the Yearly Meetings, having a list of Evangelists on file from which to make recommendation upon application, it is the judgment of this Committee that the active work of Evangelism can best be carried on by Yearly Meeting Boards or Committees acting in harmony with the general plans of the Board of the Five Years Meeting.

Group (c) is essentially one representing the Educational interests of the Church in its varied phases, while the department of publicity or propaganda will be easily recognized as having to do primarily with the problems of our young people and may therefore somewhat naturally be co-ordinated under one Board.

While the Committee has regarded the subjects of Peace and Prohibition as belonging properly to the field of Home Mission activities, in view of the peculiar interest which exists upon both these questions at the present time, an interest which will likely continue for some time to come, it has seemed more satisfactory to leave them in the hands of separate Boards at present, but with the hope that circumstances will permit the incorporation of both these Boards in the Board on Home Mission and Church Extension in the near future.

### A Consulting Council

It seems desirable that the Boards shall have a more vital relationship to each other, in order to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and in order to insure a practical system of team work that will produce better results in the whole work of the church, and it is recommended that a Consulting Council be formed, comprising the Chairman and Secretary of each Board together with such Board Field Secretaries as may be named, who together with the General Secretary shall hold conferences from time to time upon questions of mutual interest, but without authoritative power over any individual Board.

### Executive Committee

It is recommended that an Executive Committee be formed as at present, composed of the chairmen of Boards and Committees (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g), together with one person from each Yearly Meeting, not having such chairman, and that said Executive Committee be authorized to act for the Five Years Meeting in the interim of its sessions, and shall report a digest of its work to the Five Years Meeting.

### Co-ordination With Yearly Meeting Boards

2. In order that the work of the Yearly Meetings may be properly co-ordinated with the work of the Five Years Meeting, it should be understood that each Five Years Meeting Board has general oversight over the work in its department in all the Yearly Meetings, keeping in mind the welfare and progress of the entire Church, authorized to make surveys of the entire field or any portion of it when occasion seems to require, with the understanding that the corresponding Yearly Meeting Board shall be the working agency to carry the plans into effect in so far as they concern a particular Yearly Meeting. When plans are agreed upon that do not concern a particular Yearly Meeting territory, the General Board should have direct supervision until such time as some Yearly Meeting can take over the work.

The concern which arose in the Men's Conference concerning the openings for Church Extension in the newer settlements, as well as in the larger cities, as set forth in the minute of appointment of this Committee, would seem to be met adequately only by some such arrangement as the above. It appears that Friends are losing more or less of their membership because members are moving continually into cities or communities where there are no Friends Meetings, with the result that gradually they are lost from our membership lists. It would seem that the only possible way by which our membership can be adequately conserved is by the establishment of new Friends Meetings in communities where apparently Friends are gathering in considerable numbers, keeping in mind always that community of interests which properly belongs to the sisterhood of denominations and endeavoring to avoid unnecessary multiplication of Churches in any section. It appears also that there are openings for the location of Friends

in certain settlements like irrigation centers, a situation which Friends must face with intelligent planning and foresight. Finally, there is reason to believe that more attention should be given than has hitherto been done to the extension of a system of local Friends congregations to satisfy the growing non-ritualistic beliefs of many people and to promulgate the views which Friends hold upon questions of peace and war, and this too without any disturbance of the modern tendency toward federative activity upon the part of the Christian Church as a whole. To this end we recommend that the Home Mission and Church Extension Board, as soon as it shall have been created, seek at once to establish a working agreement with corresponding Boards and Committees of the Yearly Meetings, by which an intelligent and carefully thought out system of Church Extension activity may be planned and executed as the needs of the field demand.

### Providing for Financial Support

(3) It will be readily seen that the success of the work of the Boards will depend primarily upon adequate financial support. Undoubtedly there are many resources in the Church or closely connected with it that have never been touched in any practical way. In the light of the better organization herein contemplated and with the understanding that the entire Church is to get under the burden, we suggest that the Five Years Meeting direct the raising of a fund of $2,000,000, this amount to be invested by the trustees in some equitable way for the benefit of various departments of the Church, and pending the completion of the full amount, such sums as are secured shall be directed pro rata into the hands of the Trustees for investment as indicated below.

There are certain men and women possessed of abundant means, somewhat closely connected with Friends who as yet have never done anything worth while in a financial way for the Church; these in addition to our own active members who have means. There are many farmers among Friends who are well to do, but who have never been appealed to in any large way. Probably there is a large number of our members, who in lieu of paying a definite amount to this fund at the present time, would be willing to enter into an agreement to pay the interest on sums in

varying amounts during their lifetime, with the understanding that the principal would come out of their estate, the interest to be used each year by the various Boards according to the plan of agreement.

It is also suggested that cash or securities could be given in trust to the Trustees, who would enter into an agreement to pay to the donor, or someone designated by the donor, during his life the interest received from the funds or securities deposited, and who upon the death of said person will hold the cash or securities for the Five Years Meeting, the income to be applied to such work of the Boards as the donor may direct.

### Distribution of Fund

The Committee would suggest some such distribution of the fund of $2,000,000 when raised, to be invested for the work of the various Boards as the following, subject in every case, however to the final determination of the Executive Committee:

Board (a), $150,000 the income to provide annually for administration expenses only, the field work to be financed by current voluntary contributions as at present.

Board (b), $500,000 for the Church Extension department and $50,000 for the other departments, distributed thereto as the Board may determine.

Board (c), $200,000 for the Publication department, $800,000 for education (colleges), $100,000 for the Bible School department, $100,000 for department of Young Friends Activities.

$50,000 for the Board on Peace and Arbitration, $25,000 for the Board on Legislation and Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic and $25,000 for the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs.

### Reasons for Fund

This Committee realizes that with the extraordinary demands being made upon our beneficence in consequence of the war, the present is not the most favorable time for the inauguration of a financial scheme such as is herein contemplated, but in view of the fact that five years will have passed before there can be another meeting of this body, we believe that consideration of the questions herein involved can be postponed no longer.

We believe that the Society of Friends is face to face with a great responsibility from which it dare not turn aside. The principles for which it has stood through two hundred and fifty years need promulgation in the earth to-day with an insistence unsurpassed in any other generation. When the days of world reconstruction come the Society of Friends deserves to have a voice in keeping with its well known policies of Christian brotherhood and international good will, and in the years that follow we need an adequately financed organism that will enable Friends to meet the tasks of the new age in no uncertain way.

The Five Years Meeting has responsibilities for Christian service or it has not, and it seems useless to appoint Boards with definite duties and then fail to provide the necessary means by which they can perform their tasks. We would suggest therefore that the raising of a sustaining fund be not deferred, but that it be passed upon at this time, that ways and means for securing such a fund be devised and that as soon as practicable the campaign of solicitation be begun and pushed as rapidly as circumstances will permit.

The above will indicate the matters which have been before the Committee, as well as the conclusions which have been reached. The committee invites the fullest consideration of the questions herein involved, although realizing how impossible it will be to satisfy the views of all upon such important matters.

### Changes in Discipline

In view of the fact that some of the provisions indicated above will involve changes in Discipline and Articles of Incorporation, the Committee would recommend that the Five Years Meeting provide in such instances temporarily for a continuation of organization according to existing plans that a contingent organization shall be effected which shall be in full force and effect as soon as the Disciplinary changes are completed, and that in all matters not affected by Discipline the organization herein contemplated shall be formed to become effective at once.

On behalf of the Committee,

S. Edgar Nicholson, *Chairman.*

Richmond, Indiana,
October 15, 1917.

38. The following report of the Board of Trustees of the Five Years Meeting was read and approved:

The trustees of the Five Years Meeting report that in 1914 a legacy of $500 was received under the will of Abbie E. Wasson, of New Castle, Indiana, to be a nucleus of a fund the income of which should be used by the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board.

The amount received has been invested on bond and mortgage and the income has been paid to the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board.

For the Trustees,
JAMES WOOD.

39. After a period of devotion, led by Wilbur K. Thomas, the meeting adjourned to 3:00 P. M.

## FOURTH DAY AFTERNOON.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

40. The minutes were read and after correction, approved.

41. Homer J. Coppock, President of Nebraska Central College, led the devotional exercises.

42. A letter of greeting was read from Luke Woodard, who, on account of illness, was unable to be present. The meeting sent to him, through his son, a message of love and sympathy.

43. At the suggestion of S. Edgar Nicholson, the meeting expressed its pleasure at the presence of Robert W. Douglas, whose long and efficient service among Friends is greatly appreciated.

The following recommendations were made by the Business Committee, the first six in accordance with the suggestions of the Executive Committee.

44. That the number of Trustees chosen for the five-year period be changed to thirteen, and that, in the future, there shall be one Trustee for each Yearly Meeting comprising the Five Years Meeting.

This recommendation was approved.

45. That the salary of the General Secretary, as stated in the report of the Finance Committee, be approved.

The meeting approved the recommendation.

46. That the office of Assistant Secretary be made permanent, and that the salary after the present year be determined by the Executive Committee.

Approved.

47. That in the case of the absence of a regular appointed member of the Executive Committee, a member of the same Yearly Meeting may be invited, by the committee, to attend its sessions, and take part in the discussion, without the privilege of voting.

The recommendation was approved.

48. That the Five Years Meeting authorize the Executive Committee and General Secretary to issue annually a handbook of information in regard to Friends, as suggested in the report on efficiency submitted to the Five Years Meeting in 1912.

The meeting approved the recommendation.

49. The recommendation that a careful consideration of the methods of raising funds for the use of the various Boards and Committees of the Five Years Meeting, taking into account especially the suggestions made in the report of the Finance Committee submitted at this time, was referred to the Finance Committee.

50. The recommendation that the following telegram be signed and sent to the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States, in session at Columbus, Ohio, was approved:

Hearty greetings from the Five Years Meeting of Friends, now in session at Richmond, Indiana, to the National Council of the Congregational Churches in the United States.

ROBERT E. PRETLOW, *Clerk.*

51. The recommendation of California Yearly Meeting was approved, that the Five Years Meeting have stereotyped plates of the Discipline made, from which copies can be printed for the various Yearly Meetings as occasion demands.

52. Arthur Jones, Julia B. Hoge, Roy Wollam, and Mabel Kassen were appointed to serve the meeting as pages.

53. The following report of the Peace Association of Friends in America was read and approved and the recommendation contained therein referred to the Business Committee:

# REPORT OF THE PEACE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

*To the Five Years Meeting of 1917:*

The Peace Association of Friends in America as the Board of the Five Years Meeting on the subject of peace and arbitration, presents herewith report of the work done in the five-year period just closing. As indicated in the account which follows, there has been substantial progress made in many lines. In presenting this statement, however, showing some of the ways in which an advance has certainly been made, the members of the Board do not wish to be understood as being unmindful of the fact that all that has been accomplished is insignificant in amount in comparison with the great work which yet remains to be done in this field of Christian endeavor. The over-powering, oppressive fact which has been in the minds of all of us since August, 1914, and which has sometimes seemed to shut out the vision of the time of which Isaiah wrote, the time when the nations shall learn war no more, has led us to re-examine most carefully the grounds of our belief with respect to war, and we believe that the general result of the great world conflict upon the membership of the Five Years Meeting has been to strengthen the conviction which has characterized Friends from the very rise of our Society, that all war is essentially and inevitably un-Christian and that Friends in increasing numbers are understanding with greater clearness this most important fact, namely, that the ends in view or the purposes to be accomplished by nations in entering war can by no means determine the question as to whether war is a method which can be used in accordance with the principles taught by Jesus Christ. In other words, the very awfulness of the present international situation with its far reaching effects which are coming more and more to touch every department of our lives has compelled a study of the whole question of war and peace in a manner so thorough and intensive that the result has been a growth and development of the sentiment for the use of Christian methods in international affairs which has been unparalleled in the same length of time within recent years. Perhaps we shall sometime find that in reality the spread of the essential truth in regard to the un-Christian character of

war, as an indirect effect of the great world tragedy which is being enacted, is more powerful than the influence of the forces of evil which now seem to sweep unchecked over the world. We all feel sure that God in his great love and power does over-rule even evil to His own glory. Shall we then doubt that even though the sin and suffering of the past three years causes us to bow down in grief, nevertheless, God still rules and that in this deepening conviction that war is un-Christian and wrong, we may be seeing even now an example of one of the ways in which the Omnipotent Father is causing the truth to prevail.

It is, therefore, with a feeling of humility and with some degree of appreciation of the great work yet to be done that we record below some of the particular ways in which our Board has attempted to carry on the important work entrusted to us by the Five Years Meeting.

### Organization

Immediately after the appointment of the representatives from the respective Yearly Meetings five years ago, a meeting was held and an organization effected as follows:

President, Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Indiana.

Secretary and Treasurer, Isaac Wilson, Richmond, Indiana.

Executive Committee, the President and Secretary and

James B. Unthank, Richmond, Indiana.

Anna B. Thomas, Baltimore, Maryland.

E. Howard Brown, Earlham, Iowa.

Elbert Russell, Richmond, Indiana.

L. Hollingsworth Wood, New York City.

Changes as follows have taken place in the list of officers as given above, namely:

Isaac Wilson resigned his position as secretary and treasurer because of the removal of his residence from Richmond, and Edwin G. Crawford was chosen to take the place, assuming the duties of the office, April 1, 1917.

The vacancy created in the Executive Committee by the death of James B. Unthank was filled by the choice of Murray S. Barker, of Thorntown, Indiana, to fill the unexpired term.

## Fiftieth Anniversary of the Organization of the Peace Association of Friends in America

In view of the fact that the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Peace Association of Friends in America occurs on the twentieth of November of this year, the Executive Committee of the Association decided that special reference to the work of the Association should be made at this time and requested the Committee on Arrangements for the Five Years Meeting of 1917 to make such place for the recognition of the work of the Association as might seem best. It has not seemed to the members of the Executive Committee of the Association that it would be fitting that emphasis should be placed chiefly upon the work which has been accomplished in the past fifty years, great as that has really been but that the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Peace Association of Friends in America should rather be a time in which the problems of the present and future should be seriously considered and plans be formed in the light of the experience of the past half century which may make more certain an increase in the effectiveness of the work done for the next fifty years as compared with that which has marked the years of the past. It is not the purpose to introduce here an account of the details of the work of the Association for the past fifty years, but merely to call the attention of Friends to this anniversary year in a way which will be helpful to us all just at this time, leaving for publication in our periodicals in the near future such details as may seem to deserve particular mention.

## Lines of Work Carried On

The activity of the Association has included extensive work along the following lines, viz.:

1. Publication and distribution of literature.
2. Maintenance of a bureau of information concerning the various phases of the peace question.
3. Co-operation with other peace committees and peace organizations.

4. Conducting an extensive correspondence, partly in connection with the prosecution of the lines of work already named, and partly in additional work which has for its purpose the arousing of intelligent interest, and the creation of public opinion favorable to the growth of good will between men and between nations.

Since the Association has reported annually to the separate Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting, it does not seem necessary to repeat here the details which have already been presented to the membership of the Five Years Meeting. The following brief summary of the principal items included in the annual reports will therefore suffice:

1. The publication work has included the issuing of *The Messenger of Peace* each month, the preparation of matter for a page regularly in *The American Friend*, and the printing of a series of pamphlets.

In general, the amount of publication work done has steadily increased in the five-year period just closing. The subscription list of *The Messenger of Peace* is now about 50 per cent. larger than five years ago, while the increase in the number of pamphlets printed and distributed annually is from five to ten times as great. The largest number of a single publication issued is approximately 60,000 for the message entitled, "The Spiritual Danger to the United States from the War in Europe."

2. The correspondence work has twice more than doubled in volume, with indications that even this ratio of increase does not fairly measure the increased interest which has been aroused through the work carried on.

3. The annual receipts and expenses have increased from about $900.00 in 1913, to about $1,500.00 in 1916 and 1917.

The total receipts for the five-year period are $6,508.66; expenses, $6,466.56.

### Special Work Within the Past Three Years

Special problems arising since the beginning of the great war, have received much attention from the officers of the Association. The increase in the number and importance of these questions, especially within the past six months, led to the adoption, as an

emergency measure, of a plan of co-operation with the Central Office of the Five Years Meeting which has been fully explained in the columns of *The American Friend*. The work of relief for the sufferers in areas devastated by war, and the questions arising concerning Friends in the United States since the Selective Draft Law was passed, have, therefore, been met in this way by the organized effort of the Five Years Meeting as a whole, the Peace Association of Friends in America continuing to render assistance in every way possible by using its organization and office equipment in certain parts of the work.

Co-operation with the American Friends Service Committee through the Central Office has also been an important part of the work of the Association for the past few months.

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the unusual conditions affecting all our Meetings, and the need everywhere felt for counsel in this time of crisis, we recommend that the question of the preparation of a suitable statement setting forth the position of Friends, be referred to the Business Committee for consideration, with the request that report be made to a later session.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Peace Association of Friends in America,

ALLEN D. HOLE, *President.*

54. Charles S. MacFarland, General Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, gave a timely address on "The Christian Activity of the Whole Church."

55. Elbert Russell followed with an inspiring address on "Our Present Day Tasks."

56. The motion of Charles E. Tebbetts was approved that the question of Friends being represented upon the General War-time Commission, of which Robert E. Speer is Chairman, be referred to the Business

Committee; and if they decide favorably, they be authorized to nominate a Friend to so represent us.

57. The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved. After a period of devotion the meeting was adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

## FOURTH DAY EVENING

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

58. The devotional exercises were led by D. Hodson Lewis, pastor of the Meeting at Poughkeepsie, New York.

59. Information was given that the delegation from Indiana Yearly Meeting had chosen Ancil E. Ratliff to fill a vacancy on the Business Committee caused by the resignation of Robert E. Pretlow.

60. A request from the Women's Missionary Union of Friends asking that their organization be recognized by the Five Years Meeting was referred to the Business Committee.

61. The following report of the Printing Committee for 1912 was read and approved:

### REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE FOR 1912

*To the Five Years Meeting of 1917:*

In accordance with the instructions given by the Five Years Meeting in 1912, 10,000 copies of the minutes of the Five Years Meeting of 1912 were printed, of which 250 were reserved for binding in cloth. The remainder were bound in paper. After reserving a sufficient number of these paper-bound copies to supply one copy to each of the delegates of the Five Years Meeting, in accordance with instructions given in 1912, and a sufficient number to meet the demands of Chairman of Boards and inter-

denominational Secretaries, the remaining number were distributed *pro rata* to the Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting, the shipments being made either to the Chairmen of the respective delegations or to such other persons as were designated by the Chairmen. The copies bound in cloth were offered for sale at the rate of sixty cents per copy when sent by express, charges to be collected, or seventy cents per copy when sent postage prepaid. The orders received for the copies bound in cloth were very few in number and the Committee ordered only 100 of the 250 reserved, finished in cloth binding. The actual number disposed of by sale was 55 copies, the remainder being placed in charge of the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the General Secretary. The remaining 150 copies were ordered bound in paper just previous to the opening of the Five Years Meeting in 1917, in order to supply the demand from the newly appointed delegates for copies of the minutes. The net receipts from sales of the cloth bound copies was $30.58, which amount was remitted to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting on April 16, 1914.

After the minutes had been partially set up in type it was ascertained that the manuscript copy of the minutes which had been approved by the Five Years Meeting did not contain the text of the propositions from the Yearly Meetings, although it did contain references to each one of them, specifying also the action taken in each case. The omission seemed to the Printing Committee, however, serious enough to warrant sending a notice in regard to the omission to the Executive Committee. As a result an arrangement was made by which the text of the propositions referred to was printed in *The American Friend* of October 9, 1913, with an explanation which would enable anyone desiring to do so to preserve that number and file the copy of the propositions with the minutes as published.

Respectfully submitted,

ALLEN D. HOLE
HARLOW LINDLEY
EMMA SPENCER TOWNSEND
*Printing Committee.*

62. The Uniform Discipline calls for the printing in full of the proceedings of the Five Years Meeting. The motion prevailed that, unless the Five Years Meeting should direct otherwise in certain specific instances, the term *proceedings* be interpreted to include only a list of the delegates to the Five Years Meeting, a list of the officers and committees of the Five Years Meeting, the minutes of the meeting, the conclusions of the meeting, and the reports of committees.

63. The following report of the Board on Welfare of the Negro was read and approved:

REPORT OF BOARD ON WELFARE OF THE NEGRO.

*To the Five Years Meeting:*

Your Board on the Condition and Welfare of the Negroes reports as follows:

In a recent publication of the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Education says, "No religious group has surpassed the Friends, either in financial contribution or personal endeavor for the education of the negroes," and it is the happy experience of those Friends who are most devoted to the Negroes' welfare to find how open they are to our advice because they believe we are "their Friends."

During the five years of our appointment, no meeting of our Board has been held on account of the wide scattering of our membership and the expense involved, but we have endeavored to keep the schools under our care in close touch with the best and most advanced thought on Negro Education and to interest the officers of funds which have been given to encourage Negro Education in the work of our schools.

There are six schools under the care of Friends which the government rates as "larger and more important" and two small schools. Of these, two schools are under the care of Yearly Meeting forming part of the Five Years Meeting—those at High Point in North Carolina, under the care of New York Yearly Meeting, and at Southland, Arkansas, under the care of

Indiana. At High Point there are over a hundred pupils under colored teachers with some thirty-five pupils in the secondary grades. There is a farm, and several trades are taught. Besides the work of New York Friends for this school, New England has been a helper, and Friends in North Carolina have shown an increasing interest in its work.

The work at Southland has been recently reorganized dropping the name of "College" which was really a misnomer and calling itself now Southland Institute. It has some 350 students of whom nearly 30 are in the High School Department. Six of its teachers are white, and Friends of Indiana have given a noble gift to the negroes in the lives of their own membership which have been thus lived among them.

High Point is situated in a country of which twenty-five per cent. of the population is negro, and Southland is in the belt along the Mississippi River, where negroes form seventy-three per cent. of the population. In Phillips County there are only 7,000 whites to 26,100 negroes. Here perhaps more than anywhere else among our schools, has the Society of Friends made itself known and beloved among the negroes. The percentage of illiteracy among the negroes is twenty-four per cent., both at High Point and Southland.

Of the other schools under the care of Friends, two are carried on by Philadelphia Friends, one at Cheyney near Philadelphia, and one at Christianburg in Virginia. Two are under the care of Hicksite Friends at Aiken, and near Charleston in South Carolina. In all, Friends have an investment of nearly a million dollars in property and expend $63,000 annually in caring for 1,642 pupils who are under the influence of twelve white and eighty-four negro teachers.

The government strongly advises that Friends should unite in having an Educational superior; for these schools, and several of our schools on the Atlantic Slope, are considering the possibility of larger service which might result in a closer co-operation in our work In all cases the Department of Education believes that we should devote ourselves to the training of teachers rather than devote our energies to elementary work which might well be done by the local authorities. In every case they counsel special training in gardening and home making to meet the needs of the negro in a largely rural population.

As in all other branches of our life, individual or collective, the great war has entered into the problem of the welfare of the negro. The period since the last Five Years Meeting has been one of dramatic interest for the United States. Into the monotonous course of his life in the South, with small wants and small wages has come the word of a need for his labor in the industrial centers of the North, at wages that sound to him like a fairy tale. The response has been a migration, the like of which has rarely been seen within the bounds of any country. It is estimated (there is no way of knowing) that from 500,000 to a million negroes have left the South since the European war stopped the supply of immigrant labor from Europe. As in the previous years Foreign Missions became Home Missions for us by the coming of multitudes of foreigners, so to-day, the duty which we have in the past been pressing upon our Southern Friends has suddenly come to us in the North, though quite unprepared to meet it.

A fresh form of National Service has thus come to Friends in all our industrial centers. These negroes are sadly ignorant of our manner of life in the North, of food, of housing and amusement; but they believe in a touching way in the friendship of the Society of Friends. Surely our best efforts to perfect the freedom of the negro from the fetters of ignorance, to guard him from the dangers of his changed environment, and to help the communities in which he is a new comer to understand and make the best use of him, is but a small repayment for this confidence which he shows in us. The negro is with us and honestly wants to make his contribution to our American life. We can aid him to make that contribution a large one, as with sympathetic hands we help him meet the beautiful thrilling challenge of democracy on the road to the kingdom of heaven.

Race questions encircle the globe. Through the acquisition of the Philippine Islands and Porto Rico, and the peculiar relations to Cuba and Mexico, and lately to the Negro Republic of Hayti, the American people are entering more and more into problems of race and nations. In none of these relations, however, is the opportunity to serve so clear, the responsibility to assist so certain, and the necessity of solution so absolute as in the case of the black people who, in field, shop and home, are in daily contact with the white people. How is American de-

mocracy to meet this test of its wisdom and idealism? Will the people of the United States work out a policy that will inspire the world to a more real sense of inter-responsibility? Never was there a more searching test of democratic ideals than the present necessity of a wise adjustment of the hopes and aspirations of 10,000,000 black people and the standards and principles of 90,000,000 white people of the United States.

CAROLENA M. WOOD, *Chairman.*

64. The following is the report of the Treasurer of this Board:

Baltimore, 10th Mo. 13th, 1917.

BOARD ON CONDITION AND WELFARE OF NEGROES.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

GENERAL ACCOUNT

| | | |
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| Received from former Treasurer | $ 99.89 | |
| Cash I. C. T. | .11 | |
| Interest at Savings Bank | 12.01 | |
| | | $112.01 |

SOUTHLAND COLLEGE.

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| Received from former Treasurer | $128.10 | |
| Sundry donations | 138.20 | |
| Total of special account | $266.30 | |
| Paid E. Bellis for this special account | 260.60 | |
| Balance on hand special account | $ 5.70 | 5.70 |
| Total on hand (at interest) | | $117.71 |

JOHN C. THOMAS, *Treasurer.*

65. The Chairman of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs presented the following report, which was approved:

## REPORT OF ASSOCIATED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF FRIENDS ON INDIAN AFFAIRS, 1869-1917

*To the Five Years Meeting, 1917*:

This organization having been adopted as representing *Friends Indian Missions,* again accepts the privilege of presenting its work.

All the Yearly Meetings of the United States with delegates here, have delegated members to our Indian Committee except Nebraska, and all have made some contribution to its funds, except Nebraska and California. Philadelphia also, active from the first, has continued its delegates and full quota to its funds.

This then makes our associate body of delegates from twelve Yearly Meetings.

Under a deep feeling of mission interest, and the desirability of its growth and retroaction amongst Friends, on the one hand, and of the still cogent need of the Indian for a quiet presentation of the Gospel Message and religious schooling on the other, this paper is presented for your information and we trust for our help, requesting of you such endorsement as a minute of approval may carry to your constituent Yearly Meetings.

Moreover, we have the appealing duty as an associated Friends' effort in connection with the larger and growing work of associated American Churches, our Indian Missions being a factor in the Home Missions Council, through membership and aid to its Indian Department, it having offices at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, and publishing an annual report, covering much information of interest to Friends and others connected with Indian Missions and progress. In general terms, the goal is to reach all remnants of tribes, and to avoid any overlapping in the field.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting continues its boarding school, and active mission at Tunesassa in western New York, much revived and strengthened the past few years; excepting which, so far as the writer is aware, there is now no other organized Friends' Indian Mission under a Yearly Meeting in this country, aside from the eight stations under our care and support, viz.: Seneca, Wyandotte, Shawnee, Kickapoo, Big Jim's Band, Iowa, Otoe and Osage. Of these, Wyandotte, Shawnee and Otoe are in proximity to Government Indian Boarding Schools, and having

cordial and sympathetic relations with the superintendents, teachers and other employees, our Mission Friends, man and wife in each case, have enjoyed the special opportunity thus afforded, of reaching and influencing some 500 odd Indian boys and girls year by year as they come and go. The five other missions and attached meetings, are located with the remnants of tribes as indicated by the names given above. Including our Friends, Clark and Elma T. Brown, who succeeded Wm. Perry and Abigail C. Haworth as superintendents and resident missionaries at Shawnee, there are seventeen missionaries actively devoted to the work, besides our beloved veteran mission Friend, Elizabeth Test, who continues to have her home on the mission premises at Kickapoo.

Mindful of brevity one must still present a few very condensed

STATISTICS

Stations and Meetings at Modoc and Ottawa have been released from care and support, to local authority, under Kansas Yearly Meeting. Hillside has been closed. Iowa closed and actively re-opened. Total Meetings for worship reported 4,883, of which 4,034 were on First Days with an average attendance for the five years of sixty-four. Thirty-five series of meetings also were held. Bible Schools show an average attendance of fifty; nearly 50,000 papers of a religious character, plus scores of new copies of the Bible, the Testament and Psalms and lesser portions of Scripture, have been dispensed and nearly or more than 10,000 Scripture texts have been recited in our classes, and donations collected equal $1,116.92. Our missionaries report family visits of nearly 24,000, by which and at numerous funeral and marriage occasions they have used opportunities to preach and instruct in the Gospel Message. Our influence will have reached an open number of say, 2,500 Indians during the five years.

Though the labors are very arduous and depleting, and at many times show little betterment, there have been also many joyful results when a new belief, and indications of a new and vital relation to our common Father and Redeemer have been revealed. In a late report to our Committee, the writer tells, "All such work is probably liable to 'fits and starts,' times of growth and times of discouragement. These have both been displayed at Otoe, and following a recent season of depression, with some

such influences still at hand, I record with satisfaction having left that cheery little mission home out on the prairie, with fresh courage and gladness at what had been attained, and at the Christian influence which is emanating from it." And again, we must sympathize "with ultra-conservative people, who can be led only with extreme patience and tact, much persistence and a deep praying faith in the Gospel message. Some of the Indians of these tribes are very poor, some have neither poverty or riches, while some others have been sadly depleted *morally* by *abnormal* incomes, periodically paid to them from royalties, grazing, gas and oil leases, and to such the example and teaching of the lowly Nazarene do not seem just now to appeal." But is it not to the sinner to whom the ambassador of Christ is to go? We appeal for the support and the prayerful entreaty of this assembly on behalf of this difficult effort, needing to be done and being, we submit the privilege and duty of Friends to continue to unite in supporting.

This work so earnestly followed in the past, though only one of an ever increasing list of appealing activities to claim the thoughtful attention, active support and prayerful care of Friends, has been written into our history from the beginning with prayers and tears, arduous labors and much sacrifice.

My unready pen is clogged with memories of the heroic individual workers of past generations; of their loving service and results achieved.

May that record not be tarnished by a neglect of the continuing need and opportunity of our day.

Just in a word, the educational work of the Indian Bureau of our Federal Government, in general terms, and in large part, is doing a grand and inspiring thing. Enthusiasm leaps to the fore as the writer recalls first hand knowledge of many schools and scores of tried and efficient superintendents and class-room teachers. Their work is an inspiration, whether we do or do not approve the Bureau system; but even in the bailiwick of a school, not to name the regions beyond, the strong pronounced religious teaching of the missionary is in *sure demand,* that the Gospel may be preached and character strengthened by precept and example. Without it, any civilization will be weak and insufficient, and however otherwise implanted, it will not long endure. We have, moreover, at this time, the pronounced encouragement and

good will of the Federal Indian service, as before suggested. The authorities are with us; and in common with them, we must assist our Red brother in resisting the White man's avarice and whiskey, and the Mexican "peyote" or mescal bean. Their temptations are sadly powerful, they are woefully in need of friends with strong missionary spirits to teach them Christian civilization.

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Though the executive care of the service seems by force of circumstances to focus in a few individuals, regular annual meetings of delegates have been held, at which reports from the Chairman and the Treasurer have been presented, together with reports from standing sub-committees and from our Superintendents residing at Shawnee, Oklahoma. All have received the careful consideration of said meetings.

Printed minutes of these annual meetings, including the complete reports, have also been mailed to all members of the Committee present or absent, and through them in larger supply put at the disposal of the several Yearly Meetings and their interested membership. Twelve times each year a written report from each mission station has been made to our Superintendents and these with a statistical table and general letter, forwarded to the Executive Committee.

Of these monthly reports, complete mimeograph copies have been mailed to each delegate in the several Yearly Meetings, to each of our several missionaries themselves and a few additional copies to other Friends known to be interested in receiving them. This duplicating and circulating has been under the helpful charge of the Chairman of a Standing Committee on Religious Interests. To further definite knowledge of the mission field and to aid the Committee in its conclusions, we have continued the custom of having our Superintendent or his wife to meet us at our annual sessions and personally present his report and add verbal annotations and answer questions which may arise at the time. Additional knowledge of the field and co-operative assistance has been the volunteer visits of different members of our Committee. Our esteemed co-worker, George N. Hartley, who for ten years prior to 1905 was our missionary and Superintendent at Shawnee, but more recently an active and helpful delegate from Indiana, gave several months to a prolonged visit to the missions and

Meetings under our fostering care, and incidentally also visited several reservation and non-reservation Government Indian Schools. One New York delegate and three of our Philadelphia delegates, including the Chairman, have made brief or longer visits for the interest and help of the work, and we trust in some degree to the cheer and encouragement of our resident mission Friends.

A continuous correspondence has been maintained by the Chairman with our Superintendents and less frequent with all our missionaries, also with various other members of Committee and many other persons and organizations with allied work and interests.

The Chairman has had the further help and privilege of cordial relations with the Home Missions Council, The Indian Rights Association, The Society of American Indians, The Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association secretaries for Indian work, and the Mohonk Annual Conference; also with the Indian Bureau, through interviews as well as correspondence with the Hon. Commissioner Cato Sells and Assistant Commissioner E. B. Merritt, who are sympathetic and at times have kindly aided us in our religious effort and influence.

In a hurried word, may the writer recall agreeable memories of interviews not only with the present Commissioners as named, but with all of their predecessors in some varying degree, of encouragement and helpfulness during seven Presidential administrations, and would call to mind how usual it is, that in an honest search our Father grants us, at least in part, something of that for which we seek.

## *FINANCIAL STATEMENT*

RECEIPTS

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| Balance cash at last accounting | $ 594.42 |
| New England Yearly Meeting | 3,622.43 |
| New York Yearly Meeting | 506.00 |
| Philadelphia Yearly Meeting | 3,400.00 |
| Baltimore Yearly Meeting | 800.00 |
| North Carolina Yearly Meeting | 15.00 |
| Ohio Yearly Meeting | 750.00 |
| *Forwarded* | $9,687.85 |

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| *Brought forward* | $9,687.85 |
| Indiana Yearly Meeting | 2,680.00 |
| Western Yearly Meeting | 975.00 |
| Iowa Yearly Meeting | 275.00 |
| Kansas Yearly Meeting | 575.00 |
| Oregon Yearly Meeting | 25.00 |
| Wilmington Yearly Meeting | 25.00 |
| An Indian Donation | 1.00 |
| Shawnee Fund | 1,549.24 |
| A Philadelphia Friend | 2,000.00 |
| A few Friends, account board and tuition of Indian girl, one year at Wichita and one year at Westtown | 280.09 |
| A few Friends, Book Publishing Fund | 130.00 |
| A few Friends, Advertising Fund | 101.00 |
| Mission land sold | 2,558.18 |
| Interest on deposit account | 103.99 |
| Total | $20,966.35 |

PAYMENTS

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| Support of Missionaries | $17,343.53 |
| Travel and moving of Missionaries | 554.39 |
| Repairs at Missions | 639.62 |
| Fire Insurance | 364.18 |
| Printing all reports | 532.15 |
| Indian schooling | 280.09 |
| Quota to Home Missions Council | 75.20 |
| Book account | 60.33 |
| Legal expenses | 43.00 |
| One acre land purchased | 36.00 |
| Literature, charts, etc. | 10.59 |
| Total payments | $19,939.08 |
| Balance at last annual meeting, 5th Month 16, 1917 | 1,027.27 |
| Total credits | $20,966.35 |

The title in fee to all real estate of our several missions is vested in Five Trustees and is subject to our Associated Committee, except the 40 acres at Otoe, of which we do not hold the fee, but have undisputed possession for "Church and Mission

purposes" so long as we continue our active work at that post. This title is fully recognized by the Indian Department at Washington and the acting agent at Otoe, Oklahoma.

Annually during a period of over twenty years, a gift of $500 was handed to the Chairman with the simple request that the name of the donor should not be revealed. This donation ceased upon the death of the deeply interested and helpful adviser, the late T. Wistar Brown. A provision of a certain trust created by this Friend during his lifetime provides in one of its parts that, subject to certain restrictions therein contained, the annual income from $10,000 shall be paid to "The Friends who are members of Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Philadelphia who are also members of the Associated Executive Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, for the use of that Committee as Friends of said Yearly Meeting members of said Committee shall direct." This trust having now become active, it is expected a first half-yearly payment may be made as above, in the 12th Month of this year in the sum of $225.00.

## RELATION TO FIVE YEARS MEETING

There have been interviews and correspondence with representatives of the Five Years Meeting regarding our future relation to it. I believe only what seemed best for the work has been the desire of both parties. The following was adopted by our Committee last Fifth Month, as its voice in this matter:

> "The question of co-ordinating our work more closely with other home mission activities carried on under the auspices of the Five Years Meeting was carefully considered.
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> The delegates present were in favor of entering into any arrangement that would lend greater efficiency to our service and enlist more fully the co-operation of Friends in all sections of the country.
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> Delegates from Yearly Meetings affiliated with the Five Years Meeting expressed the desire that in the proposed co-ordination of activities the present organization of the Associated Committee should be fully retained, so that members may be appointed as heretofore from Yearly Meetings not in membership with the Five Years Meeting."
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> It was decided to hold a meeting of the Committee at the time of the Five Years Meeting in Tenth Month, 1917.

One other item: Several years ago the Chairman was requested to arrange for the compiling and writing of a book, historical and biographical, regarding *Friends and the Indians.* Volunteer preliminary service by several Friends was succeeded by an agreement with Dr. Rayner W. Kelsey, professor of history in Haverford College, to undertake the work, and he produced a completed manuscript to our last annual meeting. The work is now going through the press and copies are for sale at $1.50 per volume. So far as aware, no other such book on the subject has been written; it may be esteemed of distinct value and authority to all Friends and others interested. The author has not only had some years of experience in understanding the spirit and method of Friends' activities, but also a training in making discovery of historical facts.

The book covers the period 1655-1917, and describes what is probably the oldest and most consistently maintained missionary effort of our Society, reaching back of the days when George Fox held meetings with the Indians at various places from New England to the Carolinas. It is suitable for mission class study as well as for the general reader, and we feel a valuable service has been achieved in its production.

The Indian Committee feels free to solicit the interest of all Friends in its sale. Its publication has been made possible by a few who have underwritten the expense of a limited edition.

Closing this brief and cursory review, I feel willing this once more to urge upon us with emphasis, and upon all the Meetings we represent, the serious and insistant call to this mission work. It is our inheritance; it is woven into our history; it is our present opportunity. In this, and in all missons for the spread of His message and the growth of His kingdom, may we be faithful and earnest as He leads.

With loving regard, and on behalf of the Committee,

EDWARD M. WISTAR, *Chairman.*

Philadelphia, 10th Month 1, 1917.

66. George N. Hartley spoke briefly concerning the present necessity of missionary work among the Indians.

67. Susie Meek, a young woman of Indian birth, now

a student of Earlham College, brought to the meeting a message in song.

68. Isaac Sharpless and Levi T. Pennington called the attention of the meeting to the value of a book recently written by Dr. Rayner W. Kelsey, professor of history in Haverford College. The title of this book is "Friends and the Indians."

69. The report of the Committee of Friends on Indian Affairs was of deep interest, and the work of this Committee was warmly endorsed by the meeting.

70. The Friends from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, in response to the invitation extended to them by the Five Years Meeting to select nine of their number to receive the privileges of the floor during the meeting, presented the following names:

Thomas K. Brown, Isaac Sharpless, Joseph Elkinton, Henry J. Cadbury, Arthur R. Pennell, Hannah P. Morris, Frances Tatum Rhoades, Anna H. Barton, Sarah B. Leeds.

71. Gilbert Bowles, of Tokyo, Japan, a Friends' missionary who is widely known and greatly loved, addressed the meeting on the vital subject of "Our International Opportunity."

72. James Wood spoke in appreciation of Gilbert Bowles, repeating some eloquent tributes to his life and character as expressed by his fellow workers in Japan.

73. Robert C. Root made an earnest plea that we work with energy to bring about disarmament after the war, since, in his opinion, the attitude of our government on

this question will also be the position taken by Japan and the Orient.

74. The minutes of the evening were read and approved.

75. After a word of prayer by Robert E. Pretlow, the Presiding Clerk, the meeting adjourned to Fifth Day morning at 9:30 o'clock.

## FIFTH DAY MORNING, 10TH MONTH, 18TH.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

76. The season of devotion was led by William J. Sayers.

77. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and after correction, approved.

The following recommendations introduced by the Business Committee, were read:

78. We recommend the appointment of a standing auditing committee of three persons; that this committee shall audit all present accounts not yet audited by an accountant; that this comimttee in the future shall arrange for the auditing of all accounts of Boards, the expense of expert auditing to be charged to each Board.

We recommend that the following persons constitute this committee: Charles Carpenter, Nathan Binford, Paul Brown.

These recommendations were approved.

79. We recommend that the American Friends Service Committee be asked to co-operate in any way possi-

ble with the General War-time Commission of one hundred, and we ask that committee to act in this matter on behalf of the Five Years Meeting.

The meeting approved the recommendation.

80. We recommend that the Five Years Meeting confirm the appointment of members and alternates to the Quadrennial Council of the Federation of Churches, and that the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint members and alternates to the meeting of the council of 1920.

Approved.

81. We recommend that a program, outlining the prospective work of the Five Years Meeting for the coming period of five years, be introduced on Seventh Day morning.

The meeting approved the recommendation.

82. A recommendation from Iowa Yearly Meeting, that a letter be printed and sent by the Five Years Meeting to our young men now in National Camps, was referred to the Business Committee.

83. A recommendation presented by the delegation from Iowa Yearly Meeting, that the address of Elbert Russell on "Our Present Day Tasks," be printed and sent to our young men subject to draft, was referred to the Business Committee.

84. Geo. H. Moore, chairman of the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions, introduced the work of this Board by presenting Charles M. Woodman, who

spoke encouragingly concerning the present financial outlook among Friends for missionary activities.

85. The Executive Committee of the Board of Foreign Missions for the coming five years was announced as follows: George H. Moore, *Chairman,* Charles M. Woodman, *Vice-Chairman,* Edgar F. Hiatt, *Treasurer,* Ross A. Hadley, *General Secretary.* Five additional members: Lucy Hill Binford, Joseph Dickinson, Charles E. Cary, Belle C. Bailey, Mary A. J. Ballard.

86. Ross A. Hadley, assistant secretary of the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions, made the following report, which was approved:

## REPORT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

(For the Five Years Ending September 30, 1917.)

*To the Five Years Meeting of the Friends in America*:

Dear Friends: We live to-day in a new world—a world which has suddenly become small, a world fast becoming accustomed to sacrifice. Vividly aware of this new and strange situation, we bring you this report of the activities which have been committed to the care of this Board. Encouraging as have been the developments of the past five years in our work, how pitiably small they appear against the background of the sacrifice which individuals and many nations are making now in connection with the war and how meager compared with the urgent need and crisis of the present hour! Unless we remember this background, unless we breathe this new world atmosphere, no clear or correct view can be gained of the accomplishments of the past or of the need and opportunity now facing the Church.

### The Work at Home

The newly appointed Board held its first meeting between sessions at the time of the Five Years Meeting in 1912. The following officers were elected: Chairman, George H. Moore; Vice-

chairman, E. Gurney Hill; Recording Secretary, Edith M. Tebbetts; Treasurer, Edgar F. Hiatt. The General Secretary, Charles E. Tebbetts, was continued in office.

Friends were duly appointed to serve upon the Finance, Candidates and Executive Committees of the Board, and a Field Committee for each of our four fields was appointed.

The Board has met each year during the quinquennium for the transaction of business and the Executive Committee has met semi-annually during this same period.

Beginning with January, 1915, the service of Ross A. Hadley was secured as Assistant Secretary. Since that time, the services of the General Secretary, Charles E. Tebbetts, have been given without expense to the Board. For the present year, 1917-1918, the Board has arranged for B. Willis Beede, an accepted candidate for the foreign field, to serve as Field Secretary. He will seek to assist Yearly Meeting and local leaders, mainly through visitation and conference work, in developing greater interest and better support for foreign missions.

### Headquarters

In May, 1915, the Board took offices on the fourth floor of the Second National Bank Building in Richmond. Two rooms were engaged and these have already been outgrown. It has been and will be our aim to keep administrative expenses and the cost of home cultivation as low as possible. But where the expenditure of modest sums at home will make it possible to acquaint Friends more adequately with the work of our missionaries and its results and will bring about increased prayer and larger missionary offerings, it seems to us clear that such additional expenditure ought to be made. The expense of correspondence which has been carried on with Friends in all parts of the home field, the service rendered by our literature department, the reports and other information sent out have, we are assured, been of genuine help to the Missionary Committees and to others in the various Yearly Meetings. It will be our effort to co-operate with these Friends more helpfully in the future and at the same time to provide more fully for the needs of those whom we send to the foreign field. An up-to-date and well equipped office is clearly a necessity if the Church is to do her best at the missionary enterprise.

### Financial Support

During the period under review, the total annual income of the Board has been as follows:

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| 1913 | $51,944.61 |
| 1914 | $42,279.02 |
| 1915 | $44,395.29 |
| 1916 | $45,270.21 |
| 1917 | $60,951.30 |

During a similar five-year period—1912-1916, inclusive—the total missionary contributions from all churches in Canada and the United States annually amounted to the following:

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| 1912 | $17,317,366 |
| 1913 | $16,043,630 |
| 1914 | $17,168,611 |
| 1915 | $18,793,990 |
| 1916 | $20,804,087 |

### Individual Gifts

Within the past year, the number and size of missionary contributions from individual givers has increased in a manner worthy of note. The number of $100 gifts reaching our Treasurer has been considerably greater than any previous year. Single contributions of $200, $250, $300 and even $500 are not unknown. One Friend has given $600 during the year. A single gift of $2,500 has been received. Others may have given simular or even larger sums, but as they have been sent in along with other contributions their identity has been unknown to us.

In this new era of which we have already spoken, as we face a world in need and hear the clear call of Christ to spread abroad the knowledge of His name, there can be no doubt that our giving as a Church and as individuals must vastly increase.

### The Winifred Fund

A beautiful and touching act of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Brown, residents of Jamaica, who have been long and helpfully in touch with our Jamaica work, deserves mention in this connection. Their little daughter, Winifred, an only child, was called by her Heavenly Father in the summer of 1916. Desiring to consecrate to the work of Christ's Kingdom the sum which they had put aside for their daughter's education, Mr. and Mrs. Brown

contributed to the Board this fund of $2,500, asking that it be invested and the income used in the work of our Africa Mission in which Winifred had become much interested.

### Bequests

Within the five years, the bequests coming to the Board have amounted to $1,466.04. It would seem that the income from this source must be considerably greater as Friends become more familiar with the work of the Board and as there develops within the Church a keener sense of the responsibility of Christian Stewardship. The Board would remind Friends of the opportunity which is theirs in providing by will that an adequate portion of the means wherewith the Lord has blessed them shall be used for the support of Foreign Missions.

### Annuities

The Board has devised a plan known as the Annuity Plan, whereby donors may, while they live, receive a part or all of the income from funds they contribute to the Board and may have the satisfaction of knowing that their gift will after their decease be used for the object of their desire without delay and without any expense either to their estate or to the Board.

### Missionary Candidates

It is the conviction of the members and officers of the Board that no more important or more sacred function has been given us by the Church than that referred to in Article VI of our constitution adopted by the Five Years Meeting in 1907, which says, "It (the Board) shall examine, prepare and appoint candidates for the various fields under its control * * *" Since our report to this Meeting five years ago, the Board has received formal applications for appointment to foreign missionary service from seventy Friends and has received applications from no less than six others desiring service on one of our fields.

To decide which ones should be appointed to represent the Church on the mission field and to advise these candidates as to the training and experience needed for the difficult and important work awaiting them was a responsibility not lightly to be discharged. Each application has received the most careful and sympathetic consideration. In every decision we have sought earnestly to know the mind of the Lord. Reports coming from the field have so strongly insisted upon the necessity for sending out workers who have had expert training for the particular tasks

they will be called upon to perform that we have been reluctant to send out those whose training or experience seemed deficient. At the same time, we have sought to avoid appointing any who did not give clear evidence of having received a Divine call. Fifteen new workers have gone to the field during the five years.

Can we in this new era henceforth be content to see an average of only three new workers a year sent out to our foreign fields? After carefully investigating the case of those Friends who have applied to us for service on the mission field, the Board would here register its solemn conviction that far more than three Friends a year give unmistakable evidence of being called of God to service abroad. We cannot doubt that God will call the Church to make it possible for all to go out whom He has called.

### Progress on the Mission Field

The five year period just closing has been one of careful investigation of conditions and adaptation of methods. The Edinburgh Conference of 1910 had produced the most thorough investigation of the various problems of missions ever made, and the Panama Congress of 1916, taking advantage of these results, reached still more mature convictions and outlines of policy. Most of the work previously had been undertaken through a great variety of agencies in locations scattered and isolated, without any careful investigation of conditions and needs, and without reference to what other agencies were doing. It was a period of acquiring experience at first hand—a painful and slow process. It resulted in clashing of interests in some locations, and vast areas absolutely untouched, and with much waste of expenditure and low efficiency. In spite of it all, God greatly blessed the work undertaken in His name, in the only way possible in this earlier period.

At Edinburgh, account of stock was taken, a larger view of the whole field of the pagan world, and a summarizing of the experiences of the century of pioneer missions. The Panama Congress built upon the foundation thus laid constructive plans for a united advance in Latin America, laying down principles applicable to all fields. Among the plans emphasized are the following:

1st. A scientific survey of the whole field, so as to know the whole problem to be faced, and the extent to which that problem has already been met.

2d. The determining of certain strategic centers from which the mission propaganda can go out to the best advantage.

3d. The assignment of specific areas to the various agencies so that each shall be made responsible for a definite field and avoid the waste of overlapping in some sections and overlooking of others.

4th. The closer co-operation of all agencies for greater economy and efficiency.

5th. The bringing to the foreground of the ideal of a united evangelical Church in each country that shall be self-supporting, self-propogating and self-governing.

There has emerged the absolute conviction that native agencies must be increasingly relied upon for accomplishing the task, and that the mission is only a temporary agency; and the sooner it can give place to a competent native Church, the better will be its work. The native Church will be increasingly the evangelizing agency, and the mission the educating agency for training the native worker.

This has greatly emphasized the importance of thorough training of the missionaries themselves, that they may be at their best in executive ability, in the understanding of the characteristics of the people with whom they are to work, with a thorough knowledge and use of their language and mode of thought.

There has also emerged a more thorough systematizing on co-operative lines of the work and workers in any given country, in such ways as the following:

1st. A united evangelizing movement, making use of those having special power for that type of work.

2d. A systematizing of all educational agencies, involving

(a) The standardizing of all primary schools with reference both to the requirements of the national educational system, and the needs of the Church along religious lines.

(b) A careful distribution of all secondary schools, to avoid overlapping and to directly reach the needs of the whole field.

(c) A concentration of all higher schools, having only one normal school, one seminary for training of native workers, and

one college in any land, unless its large territory absolutely requires more. Only a few universities, perhaps one for a considerable group of countries having a common language and common conditions as in Latin America.

3d. The closest possible co-operation of all agencies producing literature in any given language; e. g.,

One religious periodical for any given country.

One publishing house and book depository in a given country.

Common Sunday School literature, one youth's periodical, and one woman's magazine for all people using the same language.

This concentration avoids the great waste of funds from the multiplied agencies heretofore occupying the same field, and greatly increases the efficiency in each one.

It makes possible evangelists and educators having special skill for each department of work; editors who know how to do editorial work; producers of literature who understand the niceties of language idioms, and the peculiar intellectual genius of the people to be reached; executives and organizers who, like Paul, can organize a Church so it will stand on its own feet when he is compelled to leave. Of course, in all this, all denominational lines are sunk out of sight for the sake of the more speedy establishment of the Kingdom of God. The weakness necessarily involved in having an overworked missionary try to do everything whether he has any special qualifications or not will become a thing of the past. There is also involved a greater unity of administration by all Boards at the home base, and ultimately a greater unity of the Christian forces in the homeland. And this is not by any means the least of the blessings to grow out of it.

The elimination of denominational lines in a united evangelical Church will make possible the immediate transfer of native Christians as they pass to other sections to become at once associated with the church where they go and stop the wastage now resulting from loss of care under such circumstances. It also means a co-operation of all native agencies that have heretofore been isolated and, therefore, weak.

Much of the work heretofore has pauperized the native Church through doing for them what they ought to have done for themselves, and missionaries have assumed responsibilities that should have been placed on the native. Many methods

that have been popular in the past have been shown to be against the highest interests of the world; e. g., the direct support of native workers or the children in schools, by our foreign money. It hinders self-dependence of the natives which is most important for them to learn, and entails other evils that cannot be detailed here.

The present war is making clear that the most essential task of the Church is to make Christ known to the whole world and bring in the spirit of brotherhood which alone can produce a lasting peace. And the slaughter of the best young manhood of the nations at war will throw a heavier responsibility upon the Christian Church of America to give her sons and daughters for the great evangel and stand behind them with the resources for their best equipment and greater efficiency.

God has wonderfully blessed the work in the fields under our care. The pioneer work has been fairly well done, and the time has now come for advanced steps along the systematized lines. Hitherto we have given far too little attention to the development of native workers. That must be placed in the foreground. In Mexico—our oldest field—the new constitution has compelled the missions to throw nearly the whole responsibility upon the native Church. No one but natives can regularly preach, and no religious organization can now control primary schools. It is a situation that is severely testing our work and we now grieve because we had not given much more attention to educating boys and training them for service. We had one boys' school of advanced grade well established, when our missionaries were called out by our government four years ago, and that work has been impossible since. The remarkable way in which native workers have held the work is a great tribute to the value of previous work. At Matehuala, the most exposed station, where raiders more than once looted every business house and hung leading citizens in the streets, one native woman, Maria Castillo, has kept up all the school and church work through the entire period with marvelous persistency and skill.

Other instances of native workers rising to meet the demands of the trying situation are coming to our knowledge. The native workers in the entire field are now putting themselves under the new responsibility of both Church and school, with much

timidity, but yet with a faith and courage that promises well for the future.

In Cuba, our primary schools, beginning seventeen years ago, have produced a group of young men and women that are now taking on themselves places of leadership. But they need and must have training above elementary grades if they are to be effective. Some are getting this at the Baptist school at Cristo, and it may be that our problem can be worked out in connection with that institution or some other of a co-operative character. In Mexico, there is already well established a training seminary under joint control of the Boards.

In Jamaica, we have now established at Seaside a school of advanced grade for boys and girls that is industrial in character, and in part supported by the government. It needs more specific attention to the training of effective workers, which we propose to give.

Our report from Africa for the five year period speaks thus: "The Mohammedan propaganda is becoming more and more a real menace to the work. Their method of procedure is to start colonies or villages and endeavor to get hold of the young men and children. They also buy wives among the native women. At each of these villages, a school is started where they teach the Arabic and the Koran. As their numbers increase they become more aggressive.

"From the very first, our ideal has been a self-supporting, self-propagating native Church. But to look at these people, naked, debauched, steeped in superstition and vice, living in little mud and thatch huts with their animals and getting a precarious living from their flocks and primitive way of scratching the soil and reaping crops by hand—one almost feels that the case is most hopeless—and humanly speaking it is—but the supernatural, transforming power of Christ and His Gospel is able, abundantly able, to solve the tremendous problem facing us. The coming years loom big with promise, if we are faithful. Already a splendid start has been made. We have many splendid evangelists and teachers. On the part of many there is a blessed deepening in the Christian experience. Some have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit; others are seeking; they are showing a real passion for the salvation of souls. We have four stations and thirty-two out-schools, and the confidence of the chiefs and

people. But the work has suffered and is suffering more, because we have no central, advanced school for training our evangelists, pastors and teachers. This future civilized Christian community must have leaders, and to wisely and properly lead, they must be educated and trained, or they will become dangerous to the cause and the community."

Thus in all our fields, success or failure depends upon how we meet this great need. The challenge is up to us, and God will hold us responsible as to how we meet it.

GEORGE H. MOORE, *Chairman.*
CHARLES E. TEBBETTS, *General Secretary.*

87. Charles E. Tebbitts, general secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, made a fervent appeal for our recognition and acceptance of the tremendous missionary task that confronts the Church to-day.

88. Willis Beede, field secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced and spoke briefly.

89. Dr. Elisha Blackburn, missionary to Africa; Clarence McLain, missionary to Cuba; Esther Balderston Jones, missionary to Japan; and Gilbert Bowles, also missionary to Japan, gave inspiring accounts of their work.

90. Charlotte E. Vickers, chairman of the Women's Missionary Union of Friends in America, spoke in its behalf, discussing briefly the proposition of the recognition of the Women's Missionary Union as an activity of the Five Years Meeting.

91. Mrs. Dikran B. Donchian, of New York Yearly Meeting added to the religious solemnity of the meeting by singing with much feeling, the old hymn, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

92. Several propositions made by Indiana Yearly Meeting were referred to the Business Committee.

93. The concluding devotional exercises were in charge of Eliza C. Armstrong.

94. The minutes of the session were read and approved.

The meeting adjourned to three o'clock.

## FIFTH DAY AFTERNOON, 10TH MO., 18TH.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

95. Lewis W. McFarland, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, led in the period of devotion.

The Business Committee made the following recommendations:

96. We recommend that all meetings close at the time arranged on the program.

Approved.

97. We recommend that the Five Years Meeting ask Canada and Nebraska Yearly Meetings to take action on the proposed change in the Uniform Discipline authorized by the Five Years Meeting in 1902, providing that amendments to the Discipline can be made when four-fifths of the Yearly Meetings have consented. (See Part 2, Chap. 10, Sec. 1, Paragraph 8, Portion in Brackets.)

The recommendation was approved, and the Clerk of the Five Years Meeting was instructed to inform the Clerks of Canada and Nebraska Yearly Meeting of this request.

98. We recommend, in order to avoid duplication of reports and to prepare for more efficient organization of the work of the meetings, the elimination from the Uniform Discipline of the following portions:

Part II, Chapter XIV, Section 1, Paragraph 6, the words: "It shall also report to such Quarterly Meeting a summary of the information received as to the spiritual condition and life of its congregations." Part II, Chapter XIV, Section 3, Paragraph 2, the words: "It shall receive reports from the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, covering the matters upon which they receive reports from the local Meetings on Ministry and Oversight."

We propose that this recommendation be referred to the various Yearly Meetings for their approval.

We propose that in referring these changes to the Yearly Meetings they be reminded that the action leaves to each Yearly Meeting the privilege of retaining the portion for its own use.

These recommendations were approved.

99. We recommend that a letter be prepared and sent from the Five Years Meeting to young Friends now in National Camps.

Approved.

100. The above recommendation of the Business Committee brought forth discussion as to whether a letter should be sent to enlisted as well as drafted men, and to Friends in Canada as well as to those in the United States. The following Committee was appointed to write such letter or letters and the settlement

of the questions involved in the recommendation was left to its discretion: Willard O. Trueblood, J. Edwin Jay, Ora W. Carroll, Aaron Napier, John Mills.

101. The Business Committee reported in regard to the proposal that the address of Elbert Russell on "Present Day Tasks" be printed and sent to our young men subject to draft, that way did not open.

102. The request was made that an interpretation be given by the meeting of Chapter XI, Paragraph 5, in the Uniform Discipline, as to the meaning of the phrase "railroad fares." The request was referred to the Business Committee.

103. The following report of the "Social Service Board" was given by the Chairman. The report was approved and the recommendation contained therein referred to the Business Committee.

REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE BOARD.

Five years ago the Commission on Social Service made a very careful study of the great Social Service tasks to which our Church is called in this age. The report aroused profound interest and the Meeting seemed ready to undertake its enlarged mission to the world. Under Minute 94, the Five Years Meeting decided upon the appointment of a general Secretary who, in the words of the Minute, "shall be assigned to the specific field of Church extension work of the Five Years Meeting, under the direction of the Board of Evangelistic and Church Extension Work and the Board on Social Service." (See Minute, p. 269.)

The Chairman of this Board worked for three years in vain, to bring about the accomplishment of this recommendation. The result has been that during all these five critical years there has been no creative leader working at this important task, and it must be recognized that only a trained, prepared and well-equipped person can direct this type of work. It cannot be done by persons loaded with other work, without leisure for investi-

gation and experiment, and unable even to attend the important constructive conferences and conventions on Social Service and Rural Church Work.

The only lines of progress consequently upon which we can report this year are experiments, stimulated by our Board, which have been made in different Yearly Meetings. In New England and Indiana these experiments have been carried on under Committees on Efficiency, and in New York by a Field Worker of the Evangelistic Committee. All these efforts have aimed to get *the whole Meeting in each locality at work for the whole community and to secure a vital and practical radiating religion at the center of each church group.*

We are more convinced than ever that this is the main business of a live, present-day Church, but it cannot be worked out and translated into actual life and action without a practical, guiding leader, who is both trained in method and consecrated in spirit. Our recommendation is that either the Board on Social Service should be dropped and its work absorbed by some other Board, *or* it should be taken seriously and furnished with a Secretary who can make its mission effective and dynamic.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Chairman.*

104. Helpful addresses were made by Charles M. Woodman on "The Obligation of Christianity to City Life," and by Carolena M. Wood on "Our Friendly Message to the City."

105. James Wood introduced Dr. Warren H. Wilson, director of "Church and Country Life" work among Presbyterians. He gave a splendid address on the subject of "Rural Churches.'

106. The minutes of the session were read and approved.

After a moment of silence, the meeting adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

## FIFTH DAY EVENING, 10TH MO. 18TH.

107. The devotional service was in charge of Gilbert Bowles.

108. Mead A. Kelsey requested the Five Years Meeting to give an expression of approval to the work of the American Committee on Armenian and Syrian Relief. The meeting in response to this appeal gave a rising vote of endorsement. Friends who contribute to this cause are asked to send the money to Walter C. Woodward, that account of their contribution may be taken by the central office.

109. Rufus M. Jones, in an address on "The Spiritual Interpretation of Life," gave an eloquent plea that we dedicate ourselves to a spiritual religion. He emphasized the idea that our supreme Quaker mission is to be the messenger of spiritual help to this hungry and desperate world.

110. The minutes were read and approved.

After a period of devotion, the meeting adjourned to Sixth Day morning at 9:30.

## SIXTH DAY MORNING, 10TH Mo. 19TH.

The session convened according to adjournment.

111. The meeting settled into a period of devotion.

112. The motion of S. Edgar Nicholson prevailed that the Business Committee be instructed to consider the advisability of preparing a concise re-statement of our fundamental belief in regard to the responsibility of the individual in meetings for worship.

The Business Committee presented the following recommendations:

113 We recommend that in Chap. XI, paragraph 5, of the Uniform Discipline, the phrase "railroad fares" be interpreted to cover railroad tickets and sleeping accommodations, if necessary.

The recommendation was approved.

114. We recommend to the new Program Committee that in making up the program for the next Five Years Meeting, care be taken to have the program so arranged that more time be allowed, in the open meeting, for discussion.

Approved.

115. It is the judgment of the Business Committee that the delegates should not finally leave the sessions without being excused by the meeting.

In this judgment the meeting concurred.

116. A telegram, addressed to the Five Years Meeting, was received from the Friends Christian Endeavor Society of Whittier, California. Other telegrams almost identical in wording, addressed to the Five Years Meeting, were read from other California societies, as were also three, addressed to Vincent D. Nicholson. The answering of the telegrams addressed to the meeting was referred to the Committee on Arrangements, and the subject matter of the telegrams was brought to the attention of the Friends Service Committee. The telegram was as follows:

*To the Five Years Meeting:*

We urge you to do all in your power to have the Friends Reconstruction Unit recognized by the Government as non-com-

bative service. Also that our young men may be discharged from regular army upon entering the unit.

C. E. Society of Friends Church,
*Whittier, Calif.*

117. The motion was approved that the Committee on Organization be authorized to nominate Friends to serve the Five Years Meeting in the following capacities: As members of the Finance Committee, the Printing Committee, and the Publication Board. In regard to the Treasurership of the Meeting, way was left open for the Committee on Organization to nominate either an individual or a corporation as might seem best.

118. The delegations from the various Yearly Meetings were asked to select Friends to serve on the various Boards of the Five Years Meeting, in accordance with the numbers as found in the minutes of 1912.

119. According to our present method of procedure, concerning those committees on which representation is given to each Yearly Meeting, when a member of a committee moves from one Yearly Meeting to another he loses his place on the committee. His withdrawal breaks up the organization of the committee, and hinders its efficiency. The problem of avoiding this unfortunate situation was referred to the Business Committee for solution.

120. The following motion of Robert L. Kelly was approved: That the Business Committee be asked to devise some plans whereby the claims and programs of our society may be more adequately presented to Young Friends.

The following methods of accomplishing this purpose were suggested:

1. The continuance of the work already begun by the Evangelistic and Church Extension Committee in sending out such leaders as Albert G. Shepard to present the claims of our society to the students in our Friends' institutions of learning.

2. The preparation, in connection with Inter-denominational Conferences, for Young Friends Rallies.

3. Care for the religious interest of Young Friends who are in our State Educational Institutions.

121. The chairman of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board presented the following report which was approved:

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE EVANGELISTIC AND CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING.

It is gratifying to note the increasing conviction among Friends that there is an imperative mission for the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board. Conditions have been such during the past five years that little practical advance has been made, but these conditions can be remedied and aggressive and productive work can be done.

From 1907 to 1912 the Board devoted its income, largely derived from subscriptions taken at the Five Years Meeting, to the assistance of several new Meetings. The present Board inherited these obligations, but received no subscription, and, the contributions dwindling to the vanishing point, we were unable to long continue the full assistance which had been given. The funds received for the past five years amount to about one-third as much as received the preceeding five years.

It is evident that only as a home mission work is undertaken upon a more ambitious scale, will it be possible to make an effective appeal to Friends generally.

This Board has kept in touch with the inter-church work through the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. In order to co-operate with this commission in its efforts to improve the standards of

present day evangelism the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting appointed this Board as "a committee on credentials to give careful and studied attention to the character and fitness of the members of this denomination who desire to do the work of evangelists, and to furnish the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America reliable information concerning the same."

This Board has been represented from time to time at the meetings of the Commission on Evangelism, and at the time of the last quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council, the chairman served on a sub-committee of six to consider the plans of a country-wide campaign of evangelism.

Last spring under the auspices of this Board Albert G. Shepard, Field Secretary for New York Yearly Meeting, visited seven of our colleges and laid before the students in public addresses and in conferences the claims of our country Meetings and the open door for trained and devoted work in these fields. Our colleges have been frequently visited by men interested in Y. M. C. A. work and in student volunteers for Foreign mission work, but as far as we know this is the first time a mission like this has been undertaken. From every one of these colleges, east and west, there came expressions of approval of this work and we believe that it would be wise to continue such visits.

There has been no financial provision for meetings of the full Board, but the Executive Board has met annually and sought to consider faithfully its responsibilities. Harry R. Keates served the Board as chairman for four years, when, on account of his removal to another Yearly Meeting which severed his connection with the Board, he resigned, and the present chairman was elected to fill out the unexpired term.

The time has come for an aggressive move for Church extension in new and needy territories. It will not be hard to find fields white unto the harvest. One of these is indicated in the report of the Superintendent of Evangelistic and Church Extension work in Nebraska Yearly Meeting, which reveals many townships without the preaching of the gospel and large stretches of neglected territory. He says, "Plainview, Nebraska, is a typical example of Home Missionary enterprise. We started here the spring of 1906 with but one Friends family in the town. Some assistance was rendered by Iowa Yearly Meeting and some

by Nebraska Yearly Meeting after the latter was organized. A church was built within two years, a parsonage a little later. Additions were made on the church three years ago. Everything is now paid for, a nice piano and a good Sunday School equipment have been secured, and there is a membership of 143. The work is self-supporting, and during the joint campaign this year the Plainview Meeting contributed over $3,300.00 toward this fund." And again, "Several fields at the present time are much more promising than was the outlook at Plainview eleven years ago. Plans are on foot to enter some of them soon. To my mind there is no finer field anywhere for Home Missionary enterprise than the Scotts Bluff territory." This interesting field is but one of several equally challenging. In Oregon and Washington, and in the mountains of Tennessee are great open doors for Friends—doors into fields attractive to the true missionary spirit. If that is true, why do we not go over and possess the land. Even if, in our extreme caution, we insist on discounting this challenge somewhat, on account of the youthfulness and enthusiasm of Nebraska Yearly Meeting, still the question will not down. What would it mean if the whole Five Year Meeting were to get behind an enterprise such as suggested here as it gets behind the Foreign Mission work? What would it mean for the kingdom of God in those vast stretches of new and promising country? What would it mean to the whole Friends Church?

Here would be an antidote to the temptation that comes to some of our young people who are preparing for Christian work to seek some soft spot. Here would be a challenge to daring and self-sacrifice on the home field, as well as the foreign. The support of the whole Church would change the whole aspect of some of these frontier Meetings. They would be regarded as the Church's royal task and not as a place where one without adequate preparation might be endured. And this is not only true of the Nebraska fields and others like them. It is true of our country Church problem everywhere. Put the whole Church back of it, and at once the task has new meanings to those who are looking forward to a work worth while.

It has been by daring extension of its work into new fields that the Society of Friends has flourished in the past and most of our Yearly Meetings are its product.

If we conclude to conserve and not to extend, we shall fail to conserve, for there can be no conservation without health, and health waits upon an adequate challenge to young life. No insurance company ever faced a question of vital statistics more serious than this.

The work of vigorous extension is not without blemishes, but if we do no faulty work we shall be fruitless. No one can grow fat on the tares in the wheat that he does not raise.

We are convinced too, that emphasis should be put at this time upon the importance of the gift of the ministry. No denomination has yet flourished without a clear and forceful ministry and our own Church has succeeded or failed with the quality of its preaching.

The personal worker, valuable as his mission, cannot take the place of the preaching evangelist. There is doubtless a place for the pastor who cannot preach, but there is a demand for the preaching pastor which cannot be slighted; and among all our plans for work we must develop this twofold gift.

While we guard jealously our legacy of spiritual democracy, let us also, not timidly, not apologetically as if they were a necessary evil, give the full measure of our approval and encouragement to the gifts which have so often borne the marks of divine approval, and learn to make them the heralds of the freedom which we cherish.

ELLISON R. PURDY, *Chairman.*

122. The following recommendations of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board were referred to the Business Committee:

*First.* We recommend that steps be taken as soon as shall be deemed advisable by the Executive Board of the Five Years Meeting, to raise an Endowment Fund, the interest of which shall be directed to the inauguration and support of Home Missionary and Church Extension enterprise.

*Second.* We recommend that if possible, a paid secretary be placed at the disposal of the Church Extension

Board to spend all or part of his time in raising such a fund.

123. The following expression of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board was heartily endorsed:

Believeing that every form of thoughtful and thorough evangelistic work should be encouraged and that a carefully executed campaign of this kind of work would prove a great blessing to this land, this body desires to go on record as favoring the proposal of the Commission on Evangelism of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America for a Nation-wide Campaign of Pastoral and Individual and Vocational Evangelism so far, at least, as the general idea goes; and urges its pastors and churches to co-operate wherever conditions give warrant for so doing, to the end that the life of our churches may be greatly quickened and multitudes may be won for the Kingdom of Christ.

This body expresses its hearty approval of earnest aggressive evangelism, and urges the Yearly Meetings to exercise such careful and systematic oversight of the selection of evangelists and the employment of methods, as shall avoid unseemly and weakening features, and contribute to healthful, constructive, and permanent work.

124. Permission was granted for the report of the treasurer of the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board to be printed in the minutes without being read in the meeting.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Charlotte E. Vickers in Account with Friends Five Years Meeting of American Evangelistic and Church Extension Board:

RECAPITULATION

Receipts Oct. 15, 1912 to Oct. 9, 1917, inclusive.....$1089.14
Disbursements Oct. 30, 1912 to Oct. 10, 1917 inclusive, as per vouchers submitted.....$1028.01

Balance cash on hand .....$ 61.13

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLOTTE E. VICKERS, *Treasurer.*

The accounts and vouchers of Charlotte E. Vickers have been examined and found correct.

CHARLES G. CARPENTER,
*Member of Auditing Committee.*

ITEMIZED RECEIPTS.

1912—
Oct. 15, To cash on hand.....$ 332.98
1913—
April 15, To F. A. Wright, Jr., Treasurer..... 150.00
July 29, To H. R. Keates, Retd. acct. travelling exp. advanced ..... 64.50
Aug. 13, To F. A. Wright, Jr., Treas..... 63.87
Oct. 2, To F. A. Wright, Jr., refunded for stationery and sundries account ..... 15.99
Oct. 2, To Collection of Whittier, Calif..... 41.23
Dec. 23, To F. A. Wright, Jr., Treas..... 7.45
Dec. 23, To New York P. O. Order..... 3.50
1914—
Jan. 19, To F. A. Wright, Jr..... 69.67
April 28, To F. A. Wright, Jr., Seattle, Wash..... 10.00
April. 28, To F. A. Wright, Jr., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.... 10.00
April 28, To F. A. Wright, Jr., Deer Creek, Ind. S. S..... .60
April 28, To F. A. Wright, Jr., Ashton, Md..... 3.00
April 28, To F. A. Wright, Jr., Trumansburg, N. Y..... 2.00
April 28, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn..... 2.50
Sept. 8, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn..... 2.50

*Forwarded* .....$ 779.79

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| *Brought forward* | $ 779.79 |
| Sept. 29, To F. A. Wright, Jr., Treas | 7.47 |
| Nov. 1, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| 1915— | |
| Jan. 4, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| May 22, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| May 22, To New York Yearly Meeting | 33.69 |
| July 6, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| Oct. 16, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| Oct. 19, To H. R. Keates from Iowa Friend | 5.00 |
| 1916— | |
| Jan. 4, To F. A. Wright, Jr | 169.60 |
| Feb. 11, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| May 26, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| July 18, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| Oct. 20, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| Oct. 20, To F. A. Wright, Jr | 63.59 |
| May 1, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| Aug. 2, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| Oct. 9, To Friends Meeting, Minneapolis, Minn | 2.50 |
| | $1089.14 |

ITEMIZED DISBURSEMENTS.

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| 1912— | |
| Oct. 30, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C | $ 15.00 |
| Oct. 30, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville, Tenn | 15.00 |
| Oct. 30, By A. J. Lamm, Fremont, Neb | 15.00 |
| Dec. 30, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C | 15.00 |
| Dec. 30, By A. J. Lamm, Fremont, Neb | 15.00 |
| Dec. 30, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville, Tenn | 15.00 |
| 1913— | |
| Jan. 25, By H. C. Stiles, stationery | 11.00 |
| Jan. 25, By Express on stationery to H. R. Keates, Des Moines, Iowa | 1.04 |
| Feb. 18, By A. J. Lamm, Fremont, Neb | 20.00 |
| Feb. 18, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville, Tenn | 20.00 |
| Feb. 18, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C | 20.00 |
| Feb. 21, By Cash for cash and receipt books | .50 |
| *Forward* | $ 162.54 |

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| *Brought forward* | $ 162.54 |
| March 31, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C. | 10.00 |
| March 31, By A. J. Lamm, Fremont, Neb. | 10.00 |
| March 31, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville, Tenn. | 10.00 |
| April 15, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C. | 10.00 |
| April 15, By A. J. Lamm, Fremont, Neb. | 10.00 |
| April 15, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville, Tenn. | 10.00 |
| April 23, By H. R. Keates, administration work | 50.00 |
| May 20, By H. R. Keates, advanced travelling expenses for California trip | 100.00 |
| May 20, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville, Tenn. | 15.00 |
| May 20, By A. J. Lamm, Fremont, Neb. | 10.00 |
| May 20, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C. | 15.00 |
| May 20, By H. C. Olin, treas. Home Mis'n Council, N. Y. | 26.50 |
| May 28, By Esther Cook, postage, stationery and typewriting | 2.45 |
| July 31, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville, Tenn. | 30.00 |
| July 31, By A. J. Lamm, Fremont, Neb. | 20.00 |
| July 31, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C. | 30.00 |
| Oct. 14, By C. E. Vickers, postage and book | 1.50 |
| Oct. 17, By A. J. Lamm, Fremont, Neb., August and September work | 20.00 |
| Oct. 17, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C., August and September work | 30.00 |
| Oct. 17, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville, Tenn., August and September work | 30.00 |
| Dec. 20, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C., October work | 15.00 |
| Dec. 20, By A. J. Lamm, Freemont, Neb., October work | 10.00 |
| Dec. 20, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville, Tenn., October work | 15.00 |
| 1914— | |
| Jan. 9, By Bank exchange | .10 |
| Feb. 13, By A. J. Lamm, Fremont, Neb., November and December work | 20.00 |
| Feb. 13, By I. L. Jones, Knoxville Tenn., November and December work | 30.00 |
| Feb. 13, By J. D. Cox, Winston, N. C., November and December work | 30.00 |
| *Forwarded* | $ 723.09 |

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| *Brought forward* | $ 723.09 |
| Sept. 3, By Esther Cook, stamps and typewriting | 2.25 |
| Nov. 28, By H. R. Keates, expenses to Richmond, Va. | 70.00 |
| 1915— | |
| Nov. 23, By Amos Cook, Knoxville, Tenn., work | 35.00 |
| 1916— | |
| Feb. 11, By E. R. Purdy, traveling expenses, Columbus, Ohio, and return | 2.40 |
| Feb. 11, By Esther Cook, traveling expenses, Columbus, Ohio and return | 8.70 |
| Feb. 11, By Esther Cook, postage | 5.00 |
| July 13, By Amos Cook, Knoxville, Tenn., work | 35.00 |
| Dec. 2, By Harry C. Olin, Home Council | 15.44 |
| 1917— | |
| Jan. 6, By E. R. Purdy, traveling expenses to St. Louis, and return | 23.50 |
| March 10, By Chas. H. Baker, Home Missionary Council dues | 14.19 |
| March 20, By Albert G. Shepard | 75.00 |
| Oct. 10, By E. R. Purdy postage and stationery | 4.25 |
| Oct. 10, By Chas. H. Baker, Home Missionary Council dues | 14.19 |
| | $1028.01 |

125. Theodore Foxworthy, of Nebraska Yearly Meeting and Harry R. Keates, of California Yearly Meeting spoke briefly in regard to the vital importance of Evangelistic work.

126. The report of the Bible School Board was read by the chairman and was approved.

REPORT OF THE BIBLE SCHOOL BOARD.

On the closing day of the Five Years Meeting in 1912, the Bible School Board was created, and instructed to enter the Bible School field and develop it. Five years in the field have shown the Board that the field is so large, the opportunities are so great and the needs are so far reaching, that the best there is in man should be enlisted in developing its possibilities.

The Bible School is the Scriptural classroom of the Church. In it are taught God's will to man, and man's relation to his fellow man. Hence the need of the finest equipment, the best instructors and the deepest spirituality.

The Board faced its task with a determination to succeed. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee three great needs were found to be pressing for consideration:

*First*: Friends Bible School Literature.

*Second*: A plan for general, systematic work throughout the Yearly Meetings.

*Third*: Money for the prosecution of the above ends.

The first two of these have claimed the attention of the Board as shown briefly in this report. The third presented itself to us as a need which, like the poor of the Scriptures, we have always with us.

1. *Literature*:

(a) The first effort of the Board was to issue the Graded Lessons under the imprint of Friends. The Bible is little known and appreciated by the average man. There is a wide range of interpretation of its pages and the keenest need that Friends know their own interpretation. Investigation showed that it would cost at least $6000 to issue the first three grades of the Graded Lesson Series and as that amount of money was not available without borrowing, it was decided to recommend that Friends use the Graded Helps issued by other denominational houses.

(b) The next task was the question of quarterlies. For a great many years P. W. Raidabaugh had been publishing Bible School supplies under the name of Friends. The Board began negotiations with him, and on January 1, 1914, took over his entire business, moved the plant to Fairmount, Ind., and began issuing the Penn Series of Bible School Helps with Wilbur K. Thomas as editor. The entire series, consisting of Teachers, Adult, and Intermediate Quarterlies, and the Child's Lesson Leaf, has been remodeled and a Junior Quarterly added. These are all prepared so as to give each pupil material on the lesson in keeping with the interpretation of the Scriptures and the Doctrines of Friends. The Youth's Friend is continued as formerly, as a general reading paper for young people.

The publishing house, through which the above helps and all other kinds of Bible School accessories are distributed, has paid

expenses the past four years and has become a great source of strength for centralizing the forces and work of Friends in Bible School work.

2. *Organization and Standardization—Pamphlets.*

(a) In 1913 the Board joined the Sunday School Council of Evangelical Denominations, a union of about thirty denominations for aggressive Bible School work . The same year the Board published a little pamphlet on Elementary, Secondary, and Adult Division work and the Teacher Training Department of the Bible Schools, in which are suggested some of the latest and best helps and devices and methods for systematic, organized service. In this pamphlet is included the following Interdenominational Minimum Standard of Efficiency for the Bible School:

1. A Cradle Roll.
2. A Home Department.
3. Organized Bible classes in secondary and adult divisions.
4. Teacher Training.
5. Graded Organization and Instruction.
6. Missionary Instruction and Offering.
7. Definite Decision for Christ.
8. Workers' Conferences regularly held.
9. Temperance Instruction.
10. Offering for denominational Bible School work.

The above points for our denomination and three additional points showing our relation to the County, State, and National organizations were adopted by the Board as the standard for Friends in Bible School work.

These pamphlets have been sent free to all who would use them.

The following year, the International Lesson Committee was reorganized at the International Sunday School Convention held in Chicago, and Friends under the new plan became entitled to one representative on that committee. The Board elected Wilbur K. Thomas to this new position.

(b) In 1915, the pamphlet explaining the Penn Brotherhood for the men and the Penn Pioneers for the boys of the Bible School and the Meeting was issued. In it is explained a plan for gathering, entertaining, instructing and using the men and boys of the Bible School, Meeting and Community.

(c) In 1916, the pamphlet, Biographies of Friends, was published, giving in brief, comprehensive form the biographies of seventeen of the leading Friends from George Fox to Allen Jay. It was prepared primarily for the use in the Elementary and Secondary Divisions of schools where the graded lesson system prevails.

The same year, a system of uniform statistical blanks was adopted and introduced with a view to furthering our standard of efficiency, and at the same time bring all the schools in all the Yearly Meetings to doing the same things in Bible School work, and reporting, in the same way, everything done.

PLAN OF WORK.

The plan of the Board has been that all the Yearly Meetings carry on their Bible School work, organize their departments of work, gather their statistics, use the Penn Quarterlies, purchase all supplies and accessories through the central office at Fairmount, Ind., and pursue harmoniously the same general lines of Bible Study and religious activity. Several Yearly Meetings have approved this plan and are co-operating with the Board in the use of all Bible School requisites.

THEN AND NOW.

Five years ago, 61,699 people were enrolled in the Bible Schools of the Five Years Meeting. Reports this year indicate 67,066, an increase of 5,367, or about 9 per cent.

In five years there has been an increase of 4,901 in the average attendance, but that is a gain of only 1.7 per cent. annually, whereas it should reach, according to Bible School standards, 10 per cent. annually.

Five years ago 249 were reported as uniting with Friends through the influence of the Bible School. The last report gives 836, an increase of 587.

Five years ago, 102 persons were reported as taking Teacher Training. This year 532 were reported, showing an increase of 430.

Five years ago, 32,934 Lesson Helps were issued quarterly. The last order was for 37,850, a gain of 4,916. This gain is found in 43 additional schools and in a larger number of quarterlies being used in many schools.

About 45 per cent. of the total enrollment in the Bible Schools are members with Friends. This leaves 55 per cent. of

our enrollment who are not members. Over 35,000 people who are not Friends are attending our Bible Schools.

Behold the opportunity!

Behold the interest manifested!

Behold the fields white unto harvest and listen to the Master as He says, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest."

RICHARD HAWORTH, *Chairman.*

127. The Treasurer of the Bible School Board gave his report, which was approved.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS BIBLE SCHOOL BOARD COVERING THE PUBLICATION OF BIBLE SCHOOL HELPS FROM JANUARY 1, 1914 TO AUGUST 31, 1917.

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| Receipts for eight months—January 1 to August 31, 1914: | | |
| Balance in treasury | $ 214.46 | |
| Received for supplies including accounts transferred to the Board by P. W. Raidabaugh | 6,860.42 | |
| From Francis A. Wright, Treasurer Five Years Meeting | 114.89 | |
| From Baltimore Yearly Meeting | 16.00 | |
| From California Yearly Meeting | 66.85 | |
| From Canada Yearly Meeting | 9.55 | |
| From Indiana Yearly Meeting | 28.02 | |
| From Iowa Yearly Meeting | 25.00 | |
| From North Carolina Yearly Meeting | 15.14 | |
| From Oregon Yearly Meeting | 25.00 | |
| From Western Yearly Meeting | 40.08 | |
| Total | | $ 7,410.41 |
| Expenditures for printing, supplies and Board expenses | | 7,372.21 |
| Balance in bank | | $ 38.20 |
| Receipts, August 31, 1914 to August 31, 1915: | | |
| Balance in bank | $ 38.20 | |
| *Forwarded* | $ 38.20 | |

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| *Brought forward* ..... | $ 38.20 | |
| For supplies ..... | 14,387.83 | |
| From Baltimore Yearly Meeting..... | 19.27 | |
| From California Yearly Meeting..... | 33.89 | |
| From Indiana Yearly Meeting..... | 4.68 | |
| From Iowa Yearly Meeting..... | 25.00 | |
| From New England Yearly Meeting..... | 37.00 | |
| From New York Yearly Meeting..... | 2.58 | |
| From Oregon Yearly Meeting..... | 11.87 | |
| From Western Yearly Meeting..... | 26.17 | |
| Total ..... | | $14,586.49 |
| Expenditures for printing, supplies and Board expenses ..... | | 14,177.71 |
| Balance in bank..... | | $ 408.78 |
| Receipts, August 31, 1915 to August 31, 1916: | | |
| Balance in bank ..... | $ 408.78 | |
| For supplies ..... | 15,859.53 | |
| From Baltimore Yearly Meeting..... | 25.90 | |
| From Indiana Yearly Meeting..... | 27.45 | |
| From Iowa Yearly Meeting..... | 25.00 | |
| From Kansas Yearly Meeting..... | 12.42 | |
| From Western Yearly Meeting..... | 25.00 | |
| Total ..... | | $16,384.08 |
| Expenditures for printing, supplies and Board expenses ..... | | 15,923.20 |
| Balance in bank ..... | | $ 460.88 |
| Receipts, August 31, 1916 to August 31, 1917: | | |
| Balance in bank ..... | $ 460.88 | |
| For supplies ..... | 18,127.52 | |
| From Francis A. Wright, Treasurer..... | 201.20 | |
| From Baltimore Yearly Meeting..... | 26.08 | |
| From Iowa Yealy Meeting..... | 25.00 | |
| From Kansas Yearly Meeting..... | 2.00 | |
| From New England Yearly Meeting..... | 44.47 | |
| From New York Yearly Meeting..... | 25.00 | |
| From North Carolina Yearly Meeting..... | 25.00 | |
| From Western Yearly Meeting..... | 27.91 | |
| *Forwarded* ..... | $18,965.06 | |

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| *Brought forward* | $18,965.06 | |
| From Wilmington Yearly Meeting | 25.00 | |
| Total | | $18,990.06 |
| Expenditures for printing, supplies, etc. | | 17,924.12 |
| Balance in bank | | $ 1,065.94 |

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, AUGUST 31, 1917.

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| Accounts Payable | $2,868.52 | |
| Bank | 1,065.94 | |
| Expense drawer | 7.54 | |
| Inventory less 15 per cent | 382.50 | |
| | | $4,324.50 |
| D. C. Cook Publishing Co. | $ 700.00 | |
| Accounts payable | 310.87 | |
| Balance | 3,313.63 | |
| | | $4,324.50 |

ANCIL E. RATLIFF, *Treasurer.*

128. Wilbur K. Thomas explained our situation as regards the publication of Bible School literature. He presented on behalf of the Bible School Board, the request that, pending the raising of an endowment fund, the Five Years Meeting grant the Bible School Board the sum of $2000.00 a year for the next five years.

129. The motion was made by Rufus M. Jones that we take a subscription in the face of the meeting for the support of the Bible School Board, and that the Board be further organized through the Yearly Meeting Bible School Committees, for the raising of funds through all the Meetings and membership of the Five Years Meeting. The motion carried, and a subscription was taken amounting to $2024.00.

130. William J. Sayers, Edgar H. Stranahan, John R. Cary, and H. Edwin McGrew spoke earnestly in behalf of Bible School work.

131. W. Blair Neatby, of Birmingham, Eng., was introduced and welcomed.

132. The following letter of appreciation and best wishes was read from the Secretary of the National Council of the Congregational Churches of the United States:

Enroute, October 18.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

Your fraternal message reached me in time to be presented to our council before adjournment, but too late to send a reply last night. Please accept our hearty thanks and the assurance that our best wishes and prayers are yours as you go forward in the endeavor to bring the world to our common Master and Lord.

Sincerely yours,
HUBERT C. HERRING, *Secretary.*

133. The minutes of the meeting were read, and after correction, approved.

134. A. Viola Horisberg, of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, led in the closing devotional exercises.

The meeting adjourned to 3:00 P. M.

## SIXTH DAY AFTERNOON, TENTH MO. 19TH.

The session convened according to adjournment.

135. The meeting engaged in a season of devotion.

136. The meeting approved the following motion of George C. Levering: That the Business Committee be instructed to prepare and send, on behalf of the Five Years Meeting, a telegram to President Wilson, and one to the Premier of Canada, expressing our appreciation of the load of responsibility they bear, together with the assurance of our sympathy and prayers; also a telegram to Secretary of War Baker asking that he endorse the request of the American Friends Service Committee that

the Friends' Reconstruction work, together with other work under the direction of the Committee, be recognized as non-combatant service.

The Business Committee made the following recommendations:

137. We recommend that Chairmen of Boards shall not lose their position, either on their respective Boards, or on the Executive Committee, solely on account of removal from one Yearly Meeting to another.

The recommendation was approved.

138. In regard to a proposition submitted by Indiana Yearly Meeting concerning the adoption of a query on the subject of Missions, the Business Committee reported that a similar query had already been passed upon.

139. In regard to the request from Indiana Yearly Meeting, asking for minute of advice relative to the problems arising through individuals who live within the limits of one Meeting, belonging to another Meeting and working in another Meeting, the Committee reported that, in its opinion these matters should be left to the individual Yearly Meetings.

140. The Business Committee recommend that the following request from Indiana Yearly Meeting be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act, and asked that it should receive serious consideration:

*To the Five Years Meeting of Friends, convening at Richmond, Indiana, Tenth Month 16, 1917.*

The following request from the Meeting of Ministry and Oversight received the approval of the Yearly Meeting, and the clerks are directed to forward the request to Five Years Meeting on behalf of this Meeting:

The Meeting of Ministry and Oversight requests the Yearly Meeting to ask the Five Years Meeting to have prepared a suggestive outline on the subject of Preparing Associate Members for Active Membership in the Church, as an aid to pastors, pastoral committees and parents in bringing about the above mentioned important steps in the lives of our young people.

We recommend that this outline contain a statement of the history of the Friends Church; and chapters on such subjects as what we believe about God, Christ, the Bible, the Christian life in its character and expression, the Church and its principles and polity of Friends. This should be prepared especially to meet the needs of our boys and girls of adolescent years and running through it should be the constant appeal for the personal acceptance of Christ, limiting the scope of these suggestions to the specific task of bringing those of adolescent years to a decision for Christ, to vital Christian experience and to intelligent active membership in the Church.

We feel that this work should be of a suggestive character, and not obligatory and wide enough in its presentation of subject matter and proposed methods to meet the needs of our varied fields.

We recommend also that this work consist of two parts: A text book for the use of our boys and girls and suggestions which may be helpful to those upon whom rests the responsibility of leadership.

We recognize in making these suggestions that the proposed outline can at best be but a means to an end—definite decision for Christ and the development of strong Christian character in our young people.

Taken from the minutes of Indiana Yearly Meeting, held by adjournments from the 18th of Ninth Month to the 23d of the same, inclusive, 1917.

ANCIL E. RATLIFF, *Presiding Clerk.*
MARY A. J. BALLARD, *Recording Clerk.*

141. Rufus M. Jones read a statement prepared by the Business Committee setting forth the position of the Society of Friends in regard to war. The meeting, while concurring with the statement as presented, realizing its

extreme importance, referred it to the Business Committee for further consideration, asking that the statement be printed and distributed for careful reading before its second presentation.

142. Thomas Newlin spoke concerning the work of the Young Men's Christian Association at Camp Jackson, South Carolina.

143. The following report of the Board of Young Friends was read and approved, and the recommendations contained therein referred to the Business Committee:

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF YOUNG FRIENDS

*To the Five Years Meeting of 1917*:

The Executive Committee appointed in 1912, submits herewith a report of the work of the Young Friends Board during the five years of its existence.

### Organization

As many of the members of the Board as were present at the 1912 Five Years Meeting, met near the close of that session and organized an Executive Committee with election of the following officers:

Chairman: Williard O. Trueblood, Indianapolis, Ind.

Vice-Chairman: L. Hollingsworth Wood, New York City.

Secretary: Edith Smith, Ackworth, Iowa.

Advisory: Lillian E. Hayes, Dunreith, Ind., and Ethel Hawkins, Wilmington, Ohio.

The personnel of the Executive Committee has remained unchanged during the five-years' period and together with the council of members of the Board have developed plans and shaped the policies of the Young Friends work in America. To this end, annual meetings have been held and with much correspondence the present work has been organized.

Early in our appointment, we realized that we had many assets with which to begin work. The young Friends had been active in many sections of our Yearly Meetings through the

Christian Endeavor Movement, Young Friends Fellowship Groups, the Winona Lake Conference, and kindred activities. A host of young men and women were ready for some kind of concerted action among the young people of our Church. The older members of our Meetings were likewise sympathetic, and with commendable eagerness and sympathy have welcomed the efforts of our Board to link up the young Friends with the active life of the Church. In short, the existence of the Young Friends Board is due to a strong rising tide of young life in the Church at large.

### Plan of Work

Coming into the field as a new Board, and at first with no stated outline of plans and purposes, it was natural that in many sections there should arise apprehension as to the relation of this Board and the existing Young Peoples' Societies—was this to be a new organization to supplant the Christian Endeavor and similar organized activities?—was a most natural question and one which was early faced.

From the outset, this Board has not attempted to dictate the kind of organization that any group of young Friends should have, but rather to co-operate with all groups in bringing about a more efficient and co-related body of young people, acquainted with the ideals and purposes of the Society of Friends and equipped and inspired for service in Christ's Kingdom.

### Field Secretary

The Board was aware from the first that any successful co-relating of forces would demand a Field Secretary who could go into the Meetings and study conditions first hand and give personal direction to any program which migh be perfected. To be effective none but the right type of man could be considered for this many-sided task, and the one with ability and spirit for this work could not be secured upon short notice. Three years ago in the person of Thomas E. Jones, the Board found the man and as Field Secretary he has been in our employ ince April, 1914. His sacrificing spirit, vision of the work, and abounding enthusiasm have had a large part in making the work the important factor it has now become among young Friends in every Yearly Meeting of America.

### The Field Secretary's Report

The intimate connection which the Field Secretary has had with all the workings of the Board during the past three years makes this report of unusual interest.

A United Movement Among Friends' Young People, 1914-1917.

During the past three years, young Friends in every section of the country have become gradually more conscious that the life and progress of the whole Society of Friends are inseperably bound up with their deepest social and religious aspirations. They have become increasingly aware of the distinctive message of Friends and her unprecedented opportunity to lead as a denomination in spiritual adventure. A gradual modification of existing local and Yearly Meeting organzation in accord with a common plan of endeavor, indicates a growing desire of young people to become a corporate part of an organization under the supervision of the Church of their adoption. A new spirit for a new age has broken upon us and is recording itself in deeds. Young people of keenest mind and most courageous spirit are everywhere enrolled in aggressive Church work. This spirit has been crystalized into a working organization, with a definite program, work accomplished and a balance in the treasury. With hearts full of thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father, who has thus honored our undertaking we submit the following report:

### Young Friends' Day

Attempts have been made each year since 1914 to bring the work of the Young Friends Board to the attention of the whole Church, but not until the past year was the undertaking carried out on a large scale. This was done by conducting a campaign of advertisement, in person, by letter, poster, *The American Friend* and the *Conference News-Bulletin*. Twenty-seven per cent. of the entire Church gave special attention to the program arranged and as many more made indirect reference to it. The whole Church was stimulated by the effort. By means of dialogues, pageants, original papers, and sermons, all of which were modified to suit local conditions, the origin, purpose, program and work of the Young Friends Board were outlined. By this method young people in the most remote sections were made to feel that they were directly connected with a Church with a distinct message, an enthusiastic outlook and a world representation.

### College Campaign

For sometime a general need for touching young Friends in our colleges and boarding schools had been felt and some effort had been put forth in this direction, but not until the past year did the Church, through the Young Friends Board, succeed in personally reaching these young people. Through the kind assistance of the International Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations the names and addresses of more than seven hundred young Friends from the five hundred colleges and universities of the United States and Canada were collected. This mailing list has furnished a rich field in which to plant the Quaker Ideal of right living, peace and brotherhood. On various occasions literature describing our movement, our attitude towards peace, foreign missions and the work of the Church in general was sent them. On three different occasions, personal letters discussing the rich opportunities for Christian service not only in college, but during vacation periods at home, were mailed. Aside from this a continued correspondence from the central office has been maintained with all who have responded to our letters.

With the outbreak of the war and during the strenuous months that have followed, constant effort, through telegram and letter, has been put forth to lead these young people to a loyal support of the Friends position regarding war. As a result of this college campaign, together with efforts of the previous year, Young Friends Fellowship Groups have been started in twenty-five of the largest universities in the country. Classes in the study of Friends history and principles have been formed in more than a score of institutions. Nearly fifty Gospel teams have been sent on various occasions to Meetings surronding the colleges and more than three score students have been brought to Christ directly through the efforts of the Young Peoples Board. From the point of view of the whole Society of Friends perhaps the greatest achievement has been the discovery of promising young Friends in colleges and universities far removed from Friendly centers. These have been followed up and most encouraging letters received in response to our appeals. When the youth of our Church can be gotten to college and these bound to the denomination we will have gone a long way in solving the Church problem.

### Christian Endeavor and Other Organizations

During the past three years the Young Friends Movement has been working in closest co-operation with the United Society of Christian Endeavor. Our share of the "Millions Thousands Campaign" has been undertaken, our secretary has met with Central Committees at New York, Philadelphia, Winona Lake and Chicago. Many new societies and scores of members have been added to the Church. An additional number of previously existing societies have bought their supplies and asked advice from young Friends Board. This has served to further our organization and unify our Meetings. One of our own members was chosen by the United Society of Christian Endeavor as a member of the topic committee for the coming year. Our Board is now included with other denominations in the Executive Committee Meetings of the United Society. State representatives have been asked to conduct campaigns among our Meetings and we have helped them carry out our common program of advance. Although we regret that the United Society has been advertised as advocating a program of war which our religious body has traditionally and persistently stood against, we are pleased to note that we can continue to co-operate on the fundamental principles of bringing the youth of our nation to Christ. Greater results than ever before manifest have appeared in the additional number of Christian Endeavor Societies conducting their meetings according to the ideals of Friends. A definite program with definite goals embodying the best of both the Christian Endeavor Movement, and the newer awakening among Friends is being adopted in most of our Meetings.

### Study Classes, Deputations and Fellowship Groups

More than two hundred study classes on Bible Study, Peace, Missions and Christian Living have been formed. These have undoubtedly created a sustained enthusiasm which will be invaluable to the future life of the Church. More than one hundred deputations of young Friends have been sent out from colleges and local Meetings to weak Meetings and mission stations. The Study Class, Deputation and Fellowship Group idea has produced a distinctly Friendly atmosphere in many of our Young Friends Groups as indicated by the increasing number of requests

for instruction in Quaker history coming from young people, both in Yearly and Local Meeting assemblies.

### Conferences and Assemblies

The conference method of uniting, socializing and stimulating young Friends has become increasingly popular in all sections of the Church.

By far the greatest number of young people's conferences ever conducted among Friends were successfully carried out during the past year. These have served to bring inspiration and method to most of our Meetings. From those held in a few strategic centers have radiated inspiration to numbers of congregations. Such conferences as Yorktown Heights, Chappaqua and Clinton Corners in New York Yearly Meeting; Boston and Providence in New England; Moorestown, Germantown, Haverford, Frankford, West Chester and Haddonfield in Philadelphia; Baltimore, Sandy Spring and Sedley in Baltimore; Spring Valley, Harveysburg, Leesburg, and Wilmington in Wilmington; Farmland and Richmond in Indiana; Mooresville in Western; Haviland in Kansas; the Summer Conferences for Young Friends of the Northwest in Washington; and the Young Peoples' Gathering at other Yearly Meetings, have given new life and methods to scores of Meetings. If influences radiate from these gatherings in proportion to those going out from the National Conference, who can predict the final results?

The larger and more representative conferences held at Westtown for all Young Friends east of the Alleghenies, and at Cedar Lake for representatives from all parts of the world were unquestionably the largest and most effective gatherings ever held for American Young Friends. The gathering at Westtown was managed by the Young Friends from Philadelphia and was, of course, most largely attended by them, yet representatives were present from New England, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings. Conservative young Friends attended from Ohio, Iowa, and North Carolina Yearly Meetings. About one hundred and fifty delegates remained throughout the five days of the assembly, and a number of others came and went for shorter periods of time. Classes on Bible Study, Missions, First Day Schools, and International Relations, were well attended by a group of Young

Friends eager to learn the most recent researches along these lines. The afternoon recreation and the evening lectures blended play life into the most serious devotion and thus impressed the youth with the most natural and most effective appeal of the Christian life.

This conference was significant not only in appeal, but in marking the beginning of a closer co-operation of like-minded Friends in all the Yearly Meetings east of the Alleghanies. The geographical, social, and religious similarity of eastern Friends indicate that when once brought together great things may be accomplished.

The Cedar Lake Conference reached its high water mark in this years' gathering. This unusual assembly naturally grew out of the unusual condition created by the United States entering the great war. A fuller discussion of the gathering appears under the office secretary's report.

### Appreciation of the English Young Friends

Following the interchange of visits between English and American young Friends, which were carried out in 1912, groups of English young people have attended meetings in this country each year until prevented by the great war. In 1914, ten of these Friends attended meetings in New England, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa. The good cheer, enthusiasm and wealth of spiritual insight which these young people have brought has done much to enlarge the outlook, strengthen the Church loyalty, and deepen the devotional life of American young Friends. Even since the war their courage and dauntless faith in standing true to the Friends' testimony have inspired us.

### In the Field

Since going into office, the Young Friends Field Secretary has given much time to personally visiting local Meetings. He has traveled one hundred thousand miles, touching four hundred fifty different Meetings in a territory ranging from northern New England to southern California. During this period, he has given over six hundred major addresses, conducted a thousand conferences and discussions of personal interest to young Friends and helped many hundreds of young people to decide to accept the Christian life or volunteer for missionary service. In all these efforts the secretary has attempted to present the entire

work of the Church to the young Friends in each Meeting. He has advocated the plans of the various Boards of the Five Years Meeting, discussed their aims and types of organization. In public address he endeavored to state the present-day message of Friends to their young people, and to inspire them to find a place in the work of the Church. As the war situation grew tense, it became clear that his greatest service could be found in working under the direction of both the Young Friends Board and the American Friends Service Committee. He attempted to stimulate Meetings in every section with the supreme obligation of sacrificing their sons and their money for the rebuilding of devastated France. In evangelistic effort, peace and missionary appeal the secretary has attempted to bring the best challenge and methods that the Church affords to bear most powerfully upon her young people.

### Spiritual Results

Perhaps the most important achievement of the Young Friends Board during the past years has been the way it has stimulated Inter-Yearly Meeting co-operation. Misunderstandings have been forgotten in the great promise of a new movement to save the young people. Both young and old have been brought to feel the great advantage of working together for the uplift of humanity, regardless of minor differences in theology or method. The time has come for a step forward in Christian, individual and social conduct. The challenge of a positive message is claiming the attention of young people and the Church is following the lead.

### Organization and Reports

As Yearly Meeting Young People's Unions have better understood the purpose and work of the Young Friends Board, they have given it heartiest allegience. They have seen that the success of their own work depended directly upon the success of the Board. Therefore, the Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting, together with Philadelphia, has joined in an effort to make a simple and efficient organization of young Friends, which shall include the whole United States and Canada. This is to consist of a Central Board of the Five Years Meeting, an Executive Committee in each Yearly Meeting and a superintendent of young people's work in each Quarterly Meeting. Each

Yearly Meeting is therefore represented in the central organization and has a voice in all its proceedings. The secretaries of the Five Years Meeting report to each Yearly Meeting officer once a month and he, in turn, is supposed to report to the Central Office. This has greatly aided the Board in knowing where it stood at all times, and how much was being accomplished from the effort expended. It is hoped that this system of propagating the work and gaining reports may be continued until employed by all Quarterly and local Meetings.

### Program

An organization without a program is helpless, Therefore one was suggested by representatives from different Yearly Meetings who were present at the General Summer Conference, held at Cedar Lake, Indiana, this year. The purpose is to stimulate Yearly Meetings to construct programs of their own and challenge their young people to the task of working them out. The final program of the Five Years Meeting will be a combination of all the goals of the various Yearly Meetings. The program suggested by the Cedar Lake Conference is as follows:

In the midst of a world conflict where the forces of hate, suspicion and fear are rampant, we still believe that the deepest longing of men is for God; that He still speaks to every individual soul; that love and not hate is the dominant force in the world.

As a Society of Friends we are confronted with an unparalleled opportunity for leadership. The waste places must be rebuilt, but above all, there must be reconstruction of the spirit of good will and brotherhood among all men. This opportunity has led to a rediscovery of the Quaker Message. God is seeking men through whom He can interpret His will for the world. He is asking again, "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" The world can only be touched by the Spirit of Christ as His principles become the dominant rule of action of the individual. We accept the challenge of the hour to apply in reality the teachings of Jesus to our lives. To this end we would set for ourselves the following tasks for the year.

### I. A Mind for Truth

*Bible Study*: In the face of the collapse of many theories, the Bible still points the way of life. The need of God and of

a knowledge of His will was never so great as now. The literature of to-day; great political movements like the revolution in Russia, reveal a groping after God such as history has seldom witnessed. This should prove a tremendous incentive to a regular, intelligent, devotional study of the Bible, which is the record of God's self-revelation through long centuries, and His supreme self revelation in His Son.

*Mission Study*: Convinced by destructive forces that the world is indeed one, we are challenged anew to study the ongoing of God's Kingdom in all the world. We believe that a vigorous missionary effort would be one of the most practical means of preparing the world for a lasting peace. We devote ourselves this year particularly to the African field.

*Quakerism-Peace*: The government in exempting us from combative service has recognized our distinctive message, consequently our problem is to state anew and revitalize that message. To this end we summon every group of young Friends to a renewed study of Quakerism, particularly our principles concerning peace, that they may learn to live "in the virtue of that life and power that takes away the occasion of all wars."

## II. A Heart for Service

*Relief Work*: The outstanding opportunity for service of concrete kind is the reconstruction work committed to Friends by our Government. No more important work could be imagined than this task of beginning to create good will in the world, even while war is still in progress. We are convinced that every young Friend, under the leadership of the American Friends Service Committee will respond to this unique challenge, nor would we forget the call from alien peoples and conscientious objectors in our own country to extend to them our moral support and Christian fellowship. Less spectacular but no less important is the need at home. We are dedicated to the task of evangelism in the broadest sense of that term. Our communities, whether city or country, need the "good news" of the Kingdom. To this end we summon every young Friend's organization, whether Christian Endeavor, Fellowship Group or organized Bible Class to give its full strength to the program of the Church. Every activity of the Church stands in need of young life. Moreover every phase of Christian service is intensified by the

world situation. The entire missionary program, for example, receives a heightened importance because of its relation to world peace. The task of the Bible School and of every phase of religious education is seen in its true significance. We are called to teach a Christianity that shall not be of such a worldly, colorless, and compromised nature as to suggest no check when the fighting spirit challenges. At a time when service "somewhere else" seems particularly appealing to many, we must be sensitive and responsive to the needs of our own Meeting, our own community.

### III. The Will to Sacrifice

Because of the unprecedented demands now upon us to make the work of our Church effective at home and in foreign fields and with the added obligation of the War Relief Work, as undertaken by our National Service Committee, we are called as young Friends to give our money and our lives in the same spirit in which our fellows lay down their lives. We would render our full support also to the work of the Young Friends Board in their service for Christ and the Church.

To make possible the raising of the needed funds we would recommend that an adequate budget be prepared in each local Meeting including all necessary items, followed by the every-member canvass and the use of duplex envelopes.

That this program may be realized we dedicate our individual strength, the force and power of the united movement of young Friends.

## OFFICE SECRETARY

The development of a strong aggressive program for young Friends, one that would arrest the attention of strong, young life, and challenge them to consecrated surrender to carrying it into effect, involved such a volume of correspondence and detailed office routine that an Office Secretary was absolutely necessary. Lillian E. Hayes, who had been so active in all young Friends work for some time, was secured for that position and for the past two years has perfected an office and carried out a line of activity in conjunction with the Field Secretary that is best presented in her report which follows:

## REPORT OF THE OFFICE SECRETARY
## 1914-1917

### The Secretary and Campaigns

The work of the Office Secretary has been much increased. We have assisted Yearly Meetings in Christian Endeavor Campaigns, in the mailing of Summer Conference Programs, aided in office work for Peace Committees, conducted a general college campaign, distributed Christian Endeavor, Quaker, Peace and Missionary literature, and other supplies, kept the files, and pushed the financial compaign in which more than $4,000 was raised in the year just past.

### Correspondence

More than 19,000 letters, 1,500 packages, 95,000 pages of Peace and Missionary literature, 500,000 leaflets and cards of Friends history and Christian Endeavor work have been sent out.

### The Press

There have been published 2,000 Study Class Manuals, 3,000 four-page folders, asking for scientific data for our reference library, 10,000 enrollment cards for the Young Friends Directory, 3,000 programs for Young Friends Day, 3,000 leaflets, "Reasons Why You Should Support the Young Friends Movement," 2,000 "Origin and Activities of the Young Friends Movement," 295,000 other pamphlets, outlines for Bible study, folders, and posters, 400 Peace Pledge Cards, 150 of which have been signed, returned and put on file.

### Editorials

Notes for the Christian Endeavor Topics, a page in *The American Friend* and a *Quarterly Conference News-Bulletin* setting forth all phases of the work of the Young Friends Movement have been regularly issued from the office. The separate publication which is entirely financed by the Young Friends Board, is becoming increasingly popular as shown by the ever growing subscription list.

### Statistics

Five hundred subscriptions have been taken for the *Conference News-Bulletin*, and many scores for *The American Friend, Christian Endeavor World* and State Christian Endeavor papers. One hundred eighty-eight Meetings observed Young

Friends Day the past year, and $757 was sent in to the Young Friends Board as offerings taken at this time.

### Conferences

For eight years young Friends have met at the lakeside, representing every Yearly Meeting in the world. Each year these gatherings have become more powerful and expressive of our ideals.

With the recognition given the Conference Movement by the last Five Years Meeting, these gatherings have grown, and new hope and courage have come to many older Friends.

The 1913 Conference, following the last Five Years Meeting, brought young Friends from Canada, Australia and England. A deputation of English Friends came again to us in 1914, bringing much inspiration and carrying home new zeal and enthusiasm for service.

The 1915 Conference was preceded by an International Young Friends Peace Conference. The attendance reached the high water mark, and fourteen Yearly Meetings were represented. We found at this time that the equipment at Winona Lake was not adequate to our needs. We were not only uncomfortable, but the detractions which this place offered, were a hindrance to our program; so it was decided to find another location. At this time the financial obligation for the Conference was assumed by the Young Friends Board.

In 1916, we met on the Moody Conference Grounds at Cedar Lake, Ind., just sixty miles from Winona. Because of this change many who had planned to go to Winona felt the new location to be so much farther away that they could not afford the trip. So while the attendance was not as large as the year previous, yet the tone and spiritual atmosphere were very much better.

In 1917, we met again at Cedar Lake. The attendance was increased twenty per cent. With the coming of our friend Mansaku Nakamura, as a representative from Japan Yearly Meeting, every Yearly Meeting in the world has been represented at our several gatherings. The spiritual tone of this conference was far better than at any time in the history of the movement.

### Office Equipment

The office equipment consists of fifteen box letter files, $50 worth of Christian Endeavor and Friends history books and

pamphlets, a case of five shelves filled with literature on all subjects with which the Church has to do, arranged in indexed boxes. A card cabinet of six drawers which contain the Young Friends Directory, Peace Union Cards, News mailing list, names of delegates to the Summer Conferences, and Conference Class Enrollment Cards. A large loose leaf ledger in which are filed successful methods for Young People's Organizations, under Yearly Meeting headings, with maps of each Yearly Meeting, showing the location of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings; a most unique and complete mailing list; valuable wall maps and charts; a book of photographs of Friends Meeting Houses and Young Friends Groups.

### Finances

$6,822.16 have been received as donations from individuals, Young People's Societies, Bible School Classes, local, Monthly, Quarterly and Yearly Meetings, magazine subscriptions and shares in the Young Friends Movement.

*Disbursements*: We have spent for office secretary's salary and stenographic help, $1,044; office rent, $120; printing, $1,082.13; postage, stationery, ink and other desk supplies, $688.23; with a grand total disbursements, $6,629.17, leaving a balance in the treasury after all bills, including Field Secretary's salary and expenses, conference expenses for the past two years and traveling expenses for the Board have been paid, of $192.99.

As touching the young people's work, the "Entire Church at Its Entire Task" has been manifest most encouragingly in our financial campaigns.

### A Debt of Gratitude

Five years ago the Young Friends Board came into existence. Its field was unexplored, its work not planned, and its finances non-existent. With dauntless faith and courage it started out to organize, "Quakerise" and stimulate all classes of young Friends in all sections of the Church. The past years' results show the cumulative effect of previous years' endeavor, and point to greater achievement imminent in the denomination. These things could only be accomplished by the Spirit of God working through His children. The hearty co-operation of Yearly Meeting officials and of individuals in local Meetings have enabled our Heavenly Father to use us to His glory in this field

of service. Because our work has not been in vain and under God's touch has achieved results worthy our endeavor we have abundant faith that our work will be continued and that we shall be assigned the joyous task of appealing to the thousands of young Friends who yet need help in finding their place in the Church.

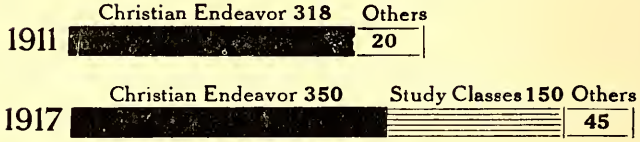
RECOMMENDATIONS Y. F. BOARD

1. *Organization*: While not wishing to make any recommendation which will not be easily adjusted to any scheme which may be suggested by the committee studying the combination or grouping of Boards, we would draw attention to the fact that the Secretary of Young Friends Board has been presenting the interests of Bible School Board, Missionary Board, Social Service Board and of the Peace Association as well as generally stimulating the interest of Young Friends in all the Church activities.

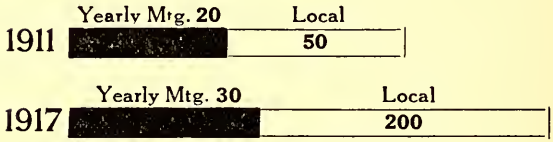
2. Desiring a more co-ordinated organization than that which could be developed by the suggestion adopted in Minute 5, p. 270, of the recommendations of the Business Committee of the Five Years Meeting of 1912, we request that the Board of Young Friends of America be composed of an Executive Committee consisting of the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer and one member at large together with the Superintendents of Young Peoples Work of the respective Yearly Meetings. Each Yearly Meeting representative shall hold his office as long as he is retained by his Yearly Meeting. The Executive Committee shall be appointed by Five Years Meeting to retain office throughout the five-year period.

WILLARD O. TRUEBLOOD, *Chairman.*

# Types of Young Friends Organizations

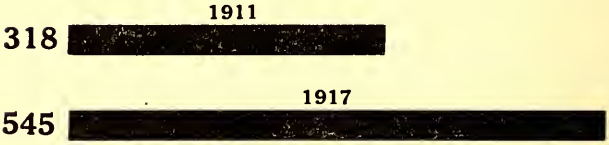



## Growth in Young Friends Conferences

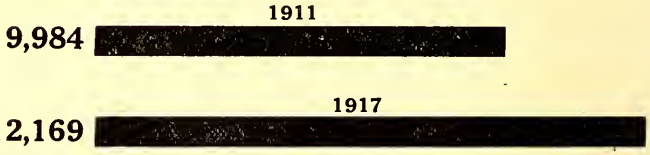



## Growth of Young Friends Organizations

1911—1917




## Growth in Membership



144. Thomas E. Jones presided over the program presented by the Young Friends Board, introducing first Lillian Hayes, office secretary of the Board, and secretary of the Cedar Lake Conference. She spoke of the work for Young Friends being done through these annual summer gatherings.

145. Janet Whitney, who is closely connected with the work of Young Friends in England and Scotland, gave a brief account of what is being accomplished in these countries.

146. Augustus George Waller, also of England, told of conditions among Friends in New Zealand where he lately visited.

147. The following told of the Young Friends Activities in their respective Yearly Meetings: Ora W. Carrell of Iowa, George C. Wise of Kansas, Archie Reynolds of California.

Clarence E. Pickett also spoke of the work in Canada Yearly Meeting, with which he is familiar.

148. Thomas E. Jones, who was soon to leave for his missionary field in Japan, gave a loving message of farewell.

149. L. Hollingsworth Wood, on behalf of the Young Friends Board, asked the Five Years Meeting to guarantee to the Board the sum of $2,000.00 a year for five years, the same to be used in paying the salaries and expenses of the employees of the Board.

150. The motion of Willard O. Trueblood prevailed that the Business Committee be asked to appoint a time

at which subscriptions should be taken for the raising of this sum.

151. Levi T. Pennington, in earnest, glowing words, called upon us to believe steadfastly in God, and in this time of stress to live and act according to His teachings.

152. After a moment of silence the meeting was dismissed by the Presiding Clerk with prayer.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

## SIXTH DAY EVENING, TENTH MO. 19TH.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

153. Rufus M. Jones led in prayer.

154. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

155. Vincent D. Nicholson, Executive Secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, made an address giving the foundation principles and the scope of the work of the Friends Service Committee.

156. The following is the report of the American Friends Service Committee. The recommendations presented by this committee were referred to the Business Committee.

### REPORT OF AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE.

In view of the fact that a more adequate organization of our Church is necessary to meet the emergency of this time, the American Friends Service Committee authorized a sub-committee composed of Rufus M. Jones, Walter C. Woodward, L. Hollings-

worth Wood, and Vincent D. Nicholson, to present to the Five Years Meeting a plan for more effective organization.

This sub-committee was united in presenting the following recommendations:

1. That there be appointed for each Yearly Meeting a Service Committee to assume the responsibility for all the problems of the emergency in its respective Yearly Meetings. These committees should be immediately responsible to the American Friends Service Committee, which will in this way be the channel through which a properly co-ordinated Church can express itself abroad, at Washington, and in every necessary direction.

It is suggested that the Yearly Meeting delegations to the Five Years Meeting appoint these Yearly Meeting Service Committees of from five to seven members where such Yearly Meeting Committees do not already exist. It is suggested that this appointment be made before the adjournment of the Five Years Meeting.

2. Each Congregational Meeting, organized and working under the direction of the Yearly Meeting Committee, should remit all funds directly to Charles F. Jenkins, the Treasurer of the American Friends Service Committee, and should look to this Committee for all information relative to the various interests of the Committee. Only by this plan can the problems of the emergency be adequately handled and the Central Office at Richmond relieved to carry forward the great normal activities of the Church. For the Service Committee to meet adequately the requirements of all sections of Friends, there must be reflected in its office direct and immediate information as to conditions in the various sections.

The American Service Committee is now adequately organized to handle effectively all of its varied interests. In addition to its Executive Secretary, there are now three assistant secretaries in charge of the following departments:

Men's work in the Reconstruction Unit.

Women's work.

The draft situation.

A store-room has been opened and a manager appointed to take charge of it. All of these interests will be represented in the field by a Field Secretary soon to be appointed whose func-

tion will be to organize the work of Yearly Meeting and Local Service Committees, and to arouse the entire membership to the tasks and needs of the hour.

RUFUS M. JONES, *Chairman.*

157. Morris E. Leeds, Commissioner from the Committee to France, told of the work of English and American Friends in Europe.

158. L. Hollingsworth Wood spoke of the formation of the First Reconstruction Unit, and of its significance in our history.

159. Rufus M. Jones told of the manner in which the Relief Committee is organized, and of the extent of its activities.

160. Isaac Sharpless spoke of the great interest in the Friends Reconstruction Work shown by the members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

161. Robert E. Pretlow emphasized the fact that members of all religious denominations, as well as people who do not belong to any church, are impressed by the position taken by Friends in regard to war, and to alleviating the miseries of war.

162. Robert C. Root called the attention of Friends to the value of the book "Christ in War," by William E. Wilson.

163. The work of the Friends Service Committee was endorsed by a unanimous vote.

164. The addresses of the evening brought upon the meeting a feeling of responsible solemnity. They laid upon us the burden of the work. Coming generations must not be able to say of the Society of Friends: "A

great battle has now been fought, and thou wast not in it." We must be soldiers in the great battle of Good Will.

165. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

166. The meeting, after a period of silent devotion, adjourned to Seventh Day Morning at 9:30.

## SEVENTH DAY MORNING, TENTH MO. 20TH.

167. The meeting convened according to adjournment and entered into a season of devotion.

168. The following recommendation from Kansas Yearly Meeting was referred to the Business Committee:

We request that time be arranged for the further consideration of the work of the Evangelistic Board of the Five Years Meeting, to the end that Harry R. Keates, former chairman of the Board, be given sufficient opportunity to present to the meeting his observations of the present need of this department, and that if possible a consistent, adequate, and aggressive Home Mission and Church extension program that will challenge the best endeavor of our people as to labor and sacrifice, be promoted at this time.

169. Notice was given that Florabel P. Rosenberger, of California Yearly Meeting, having retired from the meeting, Absalom Rosenberger, an alternate, had been appointed to the vacancy.

170. The Business Committee presented drafts of telegrams to be sent to the President of the United States, the Premier of Canada, and the Secretary of War. The

meeting requested the Business Committee to reconsider the wording of these messages, and to present them a second time for approval.

171. The following recommendations of the Business Committee were approved:

*First.* We recommend that Walter C. Woodward, Allen D. Hole, L. Hollingsworth Wood, Rufus M. Jones, John R. Cary, Willard Swift, Homer L. Morris, Vincent D. Nicholson, Albert S. Rogers, L. Clarkson Hinshaw, J. Edwin Jay, and Edgar H. Stranahan be official representatives of the Five Years Meeting on the American Friends Service Committee.

*Second.* We also recommend that each Yearly Meeting appoint a Yearly Meeting Service Committee, and that the delegations select the members of these Committees where they do not already exist.

172. The motion of James Wood was approved that the Executive Committee be instructed to have legal investigation made in reference to the number of Trustees required by the Charter of the Five Years Meeting, and, if it is found practicable, the Committee be authorized to appoint, on behalf of the meeting, three or five Trustees, as the Committee may deem advisable, who shall serve until their successors are appointed. If it is found that an amendment of the Charter is neccessary to accomplish this change, the Committee is then authorized to take the necessary action to have the Charter so amended and when such amendment is obtained the Committee shall make the appointments designated.

173. The motion of Samuel L. Haworth was approved that the present Trustees be authorized to serve the meeting until their successors are appointed.

The following were recommendations of the Committee on Organization:

174. We recommend that the Finance Committee of the Five Years Meeting consist of the following members:

Miles White, Jr., Atwood L. Jenkins, Edwin G. Crawford, Albert F. N. Hambleton, John M. Newlin, L. Hollingsworth Wood.

175. We recommend that Edwin G. Crawford of Richmond, Indiana, be Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting.

176. We recommend that $50.00 a year for five years be appropriated by the Meeting to be used by the Treasurer in securing clerical assistance.

The above recommendations were approved, and the appropriation made.

177. The following report of the Board of Education was read and approved, and the recommendations contained therein were referred to the Business Committee:

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON EDUCATION.

The Board has had at its disposal from the Five Years Meeting during its term of service about one hundred dollars a year. This modest sum has been supplemented with small subscriptions from a few Yearly Meetings, and a few individuals, and we believe that this timid investment has paid such dividends as warrant increased appropriations for the next quinquennium.

An annual report has been made each year to the General Secretary and has been printed together with the report of other Boards. We do not undertake now, therefore, to make a complete list of the activities of the Board.

A member of the Committee made a personal investigation of the field and equipment of Friendsville Academy, Tennessee, and upon his report the Committee recommended that a combination be made with the public schools.

Another member made a thorough study of the field and the plant of Nebraska Central College and recommendations were sent to the management of that institution in the name of the Committee.

After investigation the Committee wrote a strong letter of recommendation in behalf of Pacific College, which was used by them in their successful campaign for a one hundred thousand dollars addition to their endowment.

The Committee also endorsed the campaign of Penn College for $400,000.00 made necessary by the disastrous fire in June, 1916.

The Committee reports that with one or two exceptions the secondary schools have not greatly prospered. Unless they are endowed it is inevitable that they must cease to exist. The list of secondary schools now wholly or partially connected with Friends is Moses Brown School and Oak Grove Seminary, Maine; Friendsville, Tennessee; Spiceland and Central, Indiana; Vermilion Grove, Illinois; Greenleaf, Idaho; Corinth Academy, Virginia; North Branch and Haviland, Kansas; Stella and Lawrence Academies, Oklahoma; and Friendswood Academy, Texas.

At the request of the Committee, President Isaac Sharpless made a study of the Friends institutions of learning and made thoroughgoing reports which were published in *The American Friend* in 1916.

In conjunction with the North American Student Movement a co-operative and continuous plan has been worked out for strengthening the regular religious work among students and giving it constant evangelistic emphasis and this has greatly appealed to several of our colleges.

The Board has taken an active part in the work of the Council of Church Boards of Education and the Association of American Colleges. Through the agency of these organizations the spirit of co-operation among the denominational institutions of our country has been greatly stimulated, and the need for the Christian element in every phase of our educational effort has been so presented as to create a healthy and sympathetic public

opinion. The Council now has plans to utilize the present social revolution through which our country is passing by taking advantage of fruitful lines of co-operation on a large scale, including such lines as co-operative advertising, co-operative purchasing, both of materials and teaching power, and of fixing standards and setting ideals, which will greatly strengthen our work.

We call attention again to the fact that the Board has an Endowment and Trust Board composed of experienced business men and that Friends with means should keep this Board in mind in making gifts to Friends' education.

The Committee does not now present a statistical report of the Friends Colleges, but can say that all of them have prospered. Plans have been adopted for securing reports and for supervising their work which will undoubtedly result in great good.

We refer now to one item only. From the reports received it appears that Nebraska Central College will need the equivalent of a $100,000 addition to its endowment in order to carry on its work successfully during the next five years. Guilford calls for an addition to its endowment of $220.000 to round out $400,000. Whittier has not yet completed a campaign for $250,000. Pacific has launched a campaign for $250,000. Penn has begun a campaign for $1,000,000, reporting the present endowment of $300,940. Earlham now has $600,000 in endowment, and is asking for an additional $400,000. Friends University is asking for $300,000 for endowment and $100,000 for buildings, and Wilmington has set her stakes for an increase of $200,000 to her endowments, which is a first step in a large endowment adequate to the needs of the school. Wilmington also has a building program calling for $60,000. At least $3,000,000 should be raised for Friends' education within the next five years if our Colleges are to meet the demands which come upon them in the normal development of American education.

But it is unfortunate and misleading to state these needs in terms of money. What we need is men and women of consecration, of training of light and leadership. We need them and we must have them for our campaign for righteousness. We need them in our pulpits, in our Sunday Schools, on our mission fields, on our Boards and Committees. We need them in our pews and

in every avenue of Church activity. Our greatest need is not money power, it is man power.

The Society of Friends needs a passion for Christian education—it does not now have it—and this is its greatest need, for without it every line of Church activity will languish and prove ineffective.

The Board makes the following recommendations and requests:

1. That the Five Years Meeting approve and arrange for the raising of $1,200 annually for the next five years for the use of the Board of Education for the following purposes: To continue our membership in the Council of Church Boards of Education; to secure one page in each issue of *The American Friend;* and to provide secretarial assistance for the Board.

2. That you approve the judgment of the Board that the Board of Education should be continued as a separate department of the Five Years Meeting.

Trusting that you will see fit to grant these requests made by unanimous vote of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT L. KELLY, *Chairman.*
SETH K. GIFFORD, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

*Educational Department of Five Years Meeting in Account with Seth K. Gifford, Treasurer.*

RECEIPTS.

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| 1912— | |
| Oct. 29. From former Treasurer Albert J. Brown | $196.02 |
| Oct. 29. From Francis A. Wright, Jr. expenses of Robert L. Kelly at Cleveland | 22.50 |
| 1913— | |
| Oct. 8. Interest on bank account | .30 |
| Francis A. Wright, Jr., on account, Nov. 19. Baltimore Yearly Meeting | 50.00 |
| 1915— | |
| April 5. Baltimore Yearly Meeting | 25.00 |
| *Forwarded* | $293.82 |

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| *Brought forward* | | | $293.82 |
| April 1. | Interest on bank deposit | $14.69 | |
| Oct. 1. | Interest on bank deposit | 5.72 | |
| 1916— | | | |
| April 1. | Interest on bank deposit | 5.82 | |
| Oct. 1. | Interest on bank deposit | 3.44 | 29.67 |
| | Francis A. Wright, Jr., on account, | | |
| Oct. 23. | Baltimore Yearly Meeting | | 50.00 |
| 1917— | | | |
| June 22. | California Yearly Meeting | | 30.00 |
| April 1. | Interest on bank deposit | | 1.52 |
| July 17. | William P. Henley | | 10.00 |
| July 17. | Paul J. Furnas | | 10.00 |
| Aug. 8. | Phil. Stein, Treas. Neb. Yearly Meeting. | | 10.00 |
| Aug. 8. | William C. Dennis | | 5.00 |
| Aug. 8. | R. W. Barrett | | 15.00 |
| Aug. 8. | R. B. Henley | | 10.00 |
| Aug. 8. | Miles White, Jr | | 25.00 |
| Aug. 8. | B. W. Andersen | | 10.00 |
| | Francis A. Wright, Jr., on account, | | |
| Oct. 3. | Baltimore Yearly Meeting | | 25.00 |
| | Total | | $525.01 |

EXPENDITURES.

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| 1913— | | |
| March 26. | Robert L. Kelly, expenses at Meeting of Church Boards of Education at Cleveland | $ 22.50 |
| 1916— | | |
| June 23. | Paid Elias W. Thompson, Treas. Council of Church Boards of Education | 125.00 |
| Dec. 8. | Elias W. Thompson, Treas. Council of Church Boards of Education | 125.00 |
| Dec. 11. | R. L. Kelly, expenses attending meeting of Church Boards at St. Louis | 24.27 |
| *Forwarded* | | $296.77 |

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| *Brought forward* | | $296.77 |
| 1917— | | |
| July 17. | Paid R. L. Kelly, on account of Council of Church Boards Guarantee Pledge | 50.00 |
| Aug. 10. | Paid R. L. Kelly, on account same | 75.00 |
| | Balance in bank | 103.34 |
| | | $525.01 |

Examined and found correct.

CHARLES G. CARPENTER,
*Member of Auditing Committee.*

178. Robert L. Kelly followed this report with a thoughtful and illuminating résumé of the work of our denominational schools.

179. Isaac Sharpless, in his address, emphasized the necessity of making our Friends' Institutions of Learning so valuable from an educational standpoint, that they will automatically attract students and bequests.

180. The following report of the Publication Board was read and approved, and the recommendation contained therein referred to the Business Committee:

## REPORT OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD.

Tenth Mo. 20, 1917.

*To the Five Years Meeting:*

The Publication Board was created by the following resolution of the 1912 session:

(1). "That the Five Years Meeting create a Friends Publication Board, which shall be authorized to publish a weekly paper and other literature as the way may open."

(2) "That the Publication Board be authorized to acquire the good will and property of *The American Friend,* and other publications at their discretion."

(3) "That the Publication Board consist of seven members, to be appointed by the Five Years Meeting, and that they be authorized, if desirable, to incorporate for the purpose of their appointment under the laws of the State of Indiana."

(6) "That the policy of publication for the paper and for other literature shall be positive and constructive in its relation to the welfare and interests of the Society of Friends, and to the faith of Friends as expressed by the Five Years Meeting."

Pursuant to these resolutions and the further instructions of the Five Years Meeting the Publication Board incorporated under the Voluntary Association Act of the State of Indiana, authorizing it to publish literature of the religious Society of Friends and to exercise all rights incident or necessary thereto .....also when deemed advisable to operate a general printing and publishing establishment.....to acquire and own real estate and personal property, receive bequests, devises, gifts, and endowments for the purpose above mentioned and to administer the same.

And providing further that this Association, owing its existence to the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America is to be subsidiary to said Five Years Meeting and the ultimate title to all property, real or personal, of this Association..... shall be in said Five Years Meeting.

Upon the completion of this incorporation it received from the former publishers of *The American Friend,* a sixteen page weekly with a subscription list of approximately four thousand.

There was at that time in circulation at least one other weekly paper representing Friends with a circulation probably as large, and others not so widely circulated, but all pressing their claims upon the attention of Friends.

In these circumstances it seemed wise to make the effort for the recognition of *The American Friend* as the official organ by the entire membership the dominant issue.

This recognition was after a considerable time accomplished and there is now no paper attempting a general circulation, or which can be called competitive, representing Friends.

It is greatly to the credit of those who directed those publications that they made this unity possible, but the Board would

call especial attention to the capable and peculiar service of S. Edgar Nicholson in this process.

As to the general character of the paper and its larger policies the Board had only the general instruction that they should be positive and constructive, and it had no precedent guide.

Other Friends papers, while ably edited, were not under equal obligation to reflect the entire Society.

This sense of obligation to all the membership has resulted in a composite type of paper, probably not entirely satisfactory to any, but not offensive to many, and meantime denominational unity and corporate consciousness have grown until all thought of differences promises to be lost in the tremendous enterprises of the Church.

In the face of the constantly enlarging program, the Board believes that the paper can serve the Society better by becoming, more than heretofore, the medium through which its various activities shall be vocalized and promoted.

I will not read any detailed statistics (a synopsis of operations will be printed as a part of this report), but simply recite that beginning with about four thousand subscribers at a maximum domestic rate of $1.50 for sixteen pages, the actual cost per annual subscription was $1.97, while the receipts from subscriptions and advertising per annual subscription were $1.53, a deficit of $0.44. This was for the year 1913.

For 1914, with 5,500 subscriptions, the unit cost was $1.74, the receipts from operations, $1.30, and the deficit, $0.44.

In 1915, with 5,750 subscribers, the unit cost was $1.65, the unit receipts, $1.21, and the deficit, $0.44. In 1916, with 5,300 subscriptions, and twenty pages, the cost was $2.02, the receipts, $1.53, and the deficit, $0.49.

For the nine months of 1917, with about 5,000 subscriptions, the cost is at the rate of $2.38, the receipts at the rate of $2.01, and the deficit, $0.37.

This recital shows an average deficit in operating receipts of $0.42 per annual subscription for the five years period or, stated otherwise, of the cost of maintaining the paper, about 80 per cent. is produced by the paper and 20 per cent. remains to be borne by individual donations and Yearly Meeting appropriations.

Nor, if we accept as evidence the experience of sister denominations, is there any prospect of a self-supporting paper, and perhaps ought not to be.

A thorough and exhaustive inquiry of various Protestant denominations, large and small, has disclosed that the operating receipts of the Church paper, considered separately from its Bible School and other publications, do not suffice to maintain an adequate paper.

This deficit, common to all, is absorbed in various ways, but generally the gain from miscellaneous publications is used to absorb the loss sustained by the paper or else appropriations from the Church treasury are relied upon or both.

In our case it now seems safe to say that we shall have to rely upon some outside source for perhaps 20 per cent. of the cost.

The Board believes it desirable that as an ultimate solution a permanent invested fund be acquired, the income from which shall be sufficient to care for this normal deficit.

For the immediate future it recommends that an equitable schedule of Yearly Meeting appropriations be prepared and presented to the constituent Yearly Meeting for the ensueing five years, and that individual contributions toward a capital or operating fund be again authorized until a sufficient income can be realized from an invested fund.

In Tenth Month, 1913, the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting adopted the following resolution:

"That the Bible School Board be empowered to enter into any arrangement that may be desirable in the publication of Friends Bible School helps and supplies, this arrangement not to continue beyond such time as the Publication Board may be ready to take over their business and that if such arrangement is found to be impracticable the Bible School Board be authorized to proceed with the subject of Bible School publications in its own way."

It is the sense of the Publication Board that the time has arrived to merge *all publications* of the Society into the administration of this corporation with a personnel suitably chosen. For the sake of economy and facility in administration it suggests that the present total number of seven be not increased.

It further recommends that the paper be placed in the most intimate and serviceable relation to the Boards of the Five Years Meeting and to that end recommends that the Board be given representation on the Executive Committee equally with other Boards.

An expression of appreciation is due to S. Edgar Nicholson for his faithful and consistent service as editor and manager of *The American Friend* until sickness compelled the Board to grant a leave of absence. Since that time the General Secretary, Dr. Walter C. Woodward has directed the editorial policy of the paper with eminent satisfaction.

On behalf of the Board,

ALVIN T. COATE, *Chairman.*

SEGREGATED RECEIPTS.

| Year | Number Subscriptions | Subscription Receipts | Advertising | Miscellaneous | Individual Donations | Y. M. Appropriations | Total Receipts | Unit Receipts From Operations |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1913 | 4700 | 6383.00 | 828.62 | .50 | 473.50 | | 7685.62 | 1.53 |
| 1914 | 5500 | 5983.49 | 1109.92 | 51.56 | 1523.93 | 680.00 | 9348.90 | 1.30 |
| 1915 | 5750 | 6152.43 | 748.56 | 40.68 | 2061.58 | 1440.00 | 10443.25 | 1.21 |
| 1916 | 5300 | 6900.40 | 1079.18 | 135.60 | 1675.50 | 1030.23 | 10820.91 | 1.53 |
| *1917 | 5000 | 6233.01 | 1080.64 | 68.06 | 1140.75 | 1596.00 | 10118.46 | 2.01 |

*Nine months operations.

SEGREGATED COSTS.

| Year | Printing | Salaries | Postage | Office | Miscellaneous | Traveling Expense | Total Cost | Unit Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1913 | 4912.74 | 3242.37 | 620.09 | 347.24 | 122.81 | 40.74 | 9285.99 | 1.97 |
| 1914 | 4818.45 | 3647.83 | 512.95 | 398.96 | 24.30 | 186.06 | 9588.55 | 1.74 |
| 1915 | 4770.53 | 3185.57 | 571.55 | 433.58 | 188.60 | 333.45 | 9483.28 | 1.65 |
| 1916 | 5167.18 | 4037.55 | 726.18 | 364.26 | 80.70 | 365.10 | 10740.97 | 2.02 |
| *1917 | 5020.63 | 2946.40 | 508.64 | 375.46 | 55.13 | 26.21 | 8932.47 | 2.38 |

*Nine months operations.

181. The Meeting gave warm expression of appreciation of the valuable services of S. Edgar Nicholson and of Walter C. Woodward in connection with their work on *The American Friend.*

182. The committee appointed to prepare a program of religious activities for our body, presented the following report, which was approved:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.

*To the Five Years Meeting*:

In this program we have attempted to do three things:

*First.* To set forth in a broad way those essentials which must underlie any adequate program.

*Second.* To outline a few definite policies of procedure.

*Third.* To set a few goals as special incentives to action.

We are mindful of the fact that our program is not all-inclusive. We have felt that to make it serve its purpose we must emphasize certain phases of activity, believing that aggressive action along a few fundamental lines will give impetus to all departments of our work.

For the sake of getting our bearings, of giving us vision and challenging our purpose, we submit the following:

A program of religious activity adopted by the Five Years Meeting, with the definite purpose of giving new vision and new vigor to the cause of Evangelism and the spread of Goodwill among men.

I. Foundation Principles or Underlying Essentials.

1. Education on world Christian problems for giving new vision and appreciation of our task.

By sermons and lectures.

By study classes and reading circles.

In Sunday School and Christian Endeavor.

Organization and co-ordination of these educative agencies, under "Yearly Meeting Lectureships," (See *American Friend* for September 6. 1917), or some similar plan.

2. The creation of a prayer atmosphere applied to our whole task.
   In the private life, in quiet hour and family devotions.
   In our meetings for worship.
3. Personal dedication of life to bringing in the Kingdom of God.
   In the home field.
   In the foreign field.
4. Emphasis upon individual responsibility in the meeting for worship.
5. The arousing of a keen sense of the responsibilities of Christian stewardship.
6. Impressing upon the Church the vital importance of raising up a trained leadership.

II. Some Policies and Methods to be Emphasized.

1. Development of a Home Mission field and policy.
   a The choosing of one or two definite fields for concerted action of the Five Years Meeting.
   b Conserving our Membership.
   By studying the problem of the Friends Meeting in the city and by establishing Meetings in those larger towns and cities in which Friends are found in large numbers.
   By providing some kind of a Membership at Large for persons who desire to belong to Friends, but are not located within reach of a Friends Meeting. (See "Our Future," *American Friend,* August 16, 1917.)
   c Special attention to the rural Church problem, including a survey of rural Friends Meetings, with a view to gathering facts to be embodied in an informational report to the Five Years Meeting of 1922, which will show at what points Friends work would be strengthened by some form of federation or co-ordination with other denominations.
   d The better co-ordination of those Home Mission activities, which have to do with our work with the Indians, Negroes and foreigners.

2. Education for Leadership.
   a Enlarging the support and increasing the efficiency of our colleges.
   b Arranging for them to meet more directly the demand for trained leadership in the Church.
      By better adaptation of curriculum.
      By college extension work.
      By special leadership conferences and short courses.
   c The better preparation and education, including a seminary training, of those called to the ministry at home and abroad.
   d The further standardizing of our Bible Schools.
   e Special classes and study groups for Young People—
      In Friends history and principles.
      In Christian citizenship.
3. A wider circulation and use of Friends literature.
   a *The American Friend.*
   b Friends Bible School publications.
   c Friends Peace and Mission literature.
4. A business administration of Church finance, based upon
   a The Budget System.
   b The Every-Member Canvass.
   c The Duplex Envelope System.

III. A Few Goals of Attainment.

1 A membership of at least 100,000 in 1922.
2 An annual increase of 15 per cent. or more in gifts to Foreign Missions.
3 One Friends student in college to every fifty members; twenty new ministers and ten new missionaries each year entering upon courses of advanced training.
4 The subscription list of *The American Friend* doubled by 1922.
5 The every-member canvass and duplex envelope system adopted by every Meeting.

Committee:

B. Willis Beede,
Errol D. Peckham,
Stacy J. McCracken,
S. Edgar Nicholson,
Walter C. Woodward, *Chairman.*

183. The following request of the pastors and workers of the Five Years Meeting was approved, and the request contained therein referred to the Program Committee of the next Five Years Meeting:

The pastors and workers in the city Meetings in conference session faced the growing importance of the work in our city populations. We are convinced that this is so important that we unanimously ask that the Program Committee provide for such simultaneous conferences in the sessions of the next Five Years Meeting, i. e., conferences for city and rural Church workers and pastors.

On behalf of the Conference,

EARLE J. HAROLD.

184. Lulu Cleland of Canada Yearly Meeting, and J. Elwood Cox of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, delegates, were given permission to retire from the meeting.

185. The minutes of the session were read and approved.

186. During the period of devotion which closed the meeting, Joseph Elkington spoke, with tender emotion of the death of Isaac Sharp, reading, from a letter recently received from this noted English Friend, a message of abiding hope and faith.

The meeting adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

## SEVENTH DAY EVENING, TENTH MO. 20TH.

The session convened according to adjournment.

187. The meeting settled into silence.

188. The following letter was read from John Henry Douglas:

Whittier, Calif., October 13, 1917.

Allen D. Hole.

My Dear Friend: I think the Peace Association of Friends was first organized in 1867. I was appointed its first General Secretary, and held the position for about two years. I visited all our Yearly Meetings in the interest of the Association, I visited Boston and hunted up old Dr. Beckwith who was still the nominal Secretary of the American Peace Society. To use his own words he said, "The Peace Society is dead; the War killed it." I cheered the old man up, and we undertook the resurrection of the old Society. There were no periodicals to be found and the stereotype plates were all lost. I made a donation from Friends fund, and from that time to this the American Peace Society has gone on and done a good work.

My evangelistic work pressed upon me so heavily that I gave up the secretaryship, turning it over to Daniel Hill, who carried forward the work as long as he lived. The first direction for funds was for $10,000.00. I received a salary of $600.00, and rather than let me off they offered me $1200.00.

I thought perhaps thee might be interested in this little account.

Thy friend and brother,

JOHN HENRY DOUGLAS.

189. The Committee appointed to prepare letters to be sent to Friends in Military Camps, submitted two forms, one for drafted men in camp, and one to Friends who, from various motives, have become enlisted in the army. These communications were referred to the Business Committee for their consideration.

190. The Committee also recommended that a letter of commendation be addressed to the Reconstruction Unit in France. The substitute proposition was approved that a cable message be sent, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

191. William Furnas of Western Yearly Meeting was, at his request, excused from further attendance.

192. The following special report of the Finance Committee was read and approved:

## SPECIAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*To the Five Years Meeting*:

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the recommendation of the Executive Committee for a "careful consideration of the methods of raising funds for the use of the various Boards and Committees of the Five Years Meeting, taking into account especially the suggestions made in the report of the Finance Committee," reports that those members of the Committee at present in Richmond, have duly considered the matter. The raising of such funds has not been the duty of this Committee and therefore it has no pre-conceived ideas on the best methods to be pursued.

As all such funds as those mentioned in the report of the Executive Committee, or as are included in the three classes mentioned in the suggestions contained in this Committee's Report are under the financial plan of this meeting, supposed to be raised by voluntary contributions, it is evident that large sums for these purposes can only be secured when Friends generally feel the necessity for raising such funds and get under the burden of that obligation.

The two questions to be decided are therefore: *First,* whether such funds are considered by this meeting as not only desirable, but also necessary to the proper carrying on of the work; *Second,* how can this fact be brought home to all of our members and their interest aroused to the point where they are willing to work and contribute to this end. It is safe to say, that one whose pocket is not touched has not had his heart deeply moved. We need to realize that those who fail to bear their proper share of the financial needs of the Church are as truly "slackers" as those who fail to render such service as they can to their country. The colloquial expression "let George do it" indicates a state of mind and life to which we can not give approval. Nelson's battle cry that "England expects every man to do his duty" has been the stimulus that ever since has produced effective service. Should not this meeting now proclaim to all its members, that the Church expects every one to do his

full duty in financial as well as in other lines? If our members are fully imbued with this spirit, methods of procedure are of minor importance. Three classes of funds were mentioned in our report.

(1) Annual Income for Boards.

The financial plan heretofore adopted by this meeting provides that every year in every Particular Meeting, in each Yearly Meeting, the work and needs of the various Boards shall be presented and every member given the opportunity to contribute to these needs. The responsibility for the proper formulation and presentation of these needs is where it rightly belongs upon the Boards asking for funds.

If our members are alive to their opportunities and obligations and the Boards, which require financial support, properly present these needs, this method should produce proper results as shown in the case of The American Friends Board of Foreign Missions. We have no further suggestions on this line, unless it be that the Boards be instructed to report to the Executive Committee semi-annually in March and September what steps have been taken by them. This would keep the matter constantly before all concerned.

(2) Permanent Endowments for Boards.

In regard to raising permanent endowments for certain Boards, or one fund as proposed by the Committee of Seven, it is suggested that this meeting shall determine what amounts shall be asked for, when campaigns to secure same shall be entered upon, and how long continued. The whirl-wind campaigns used by the Young Men's Christian Association and kindred organizations; the methods followed by the Episcopal Church under Bishop Lawrence in securing the pension fund for its ministers; and both the recent and the present efforts to secure subscriptions to the Government Bonds are successful methods which we may study with profit. The success of each one of these was dependent upon some one person constantly impressing upon groups of individuals the necessity and feasibility of doing what was undertaken and securing the active participation of these individuals in the campaign. When the proper individual is found to inaugurate and conduct such an undertak-

ing, the Boards for whose use the funds are being sought and the Yearly Meeting delegates, would seem to be the proper groups to do the work.

(3) Funds for Philanthropic Work not Under Our Boards.

The funds for philanthropic work engaged in by all branches of Friends will probably have to be solicited direct from our members, but it is suggested that this meeting may appropriately give its sanction to such work and encourage our members to take part in and to contribute liberally to same. We recommend that at this time, special action be taken in regard to the work and needs of The American Friends Service Committee and that hereafter during the intervals between the sessions of this meeting, the Executive Committee be authorized from time to time to endorse such forms of philanthropic work as it seems desirable and to designated the manner in which the appeal for same shall be promulgated.

Finally, as this meeting has approved the amount of salary to be paid the General Secretary, we assume that in conformity with the plans submitted by the Commission on Efficiency in 1912, said salary is a part of the administration expenses of this meeting and is to be provided as other such expenses are.

On behalf of the Committee,

Miles White, Jr.

193. The Chairman of the Business Committee read its report on the recommendation by the Committee of Seven appointed by the Men's Conference. Action on this report was deferred until Second Day Morning.

194. The following report of the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting was read and approved, and is printed below.

The expression of appreciation of the valuable services of the Treasurer was unanimous.

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

*To the Five Years Meeting*:

Dear Friends: It is my privilege as well as pleasant duty to present herewith my report as Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting covering the period from October, 1912, the time of my appointment, to September 30, 1917. As a part of this report, I submit the following statements setting forth in condensed form the various funds that have been received and expended during the period.

Exhibit A—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for Five Years Ending September 30, 1917.

Exhibit B—Statement of Expenses for Five Years Ending September 30, 1917.

Exhibit C—Statements of Receipts and Disbursements by Years.

Exhibit D—Balance Sheet September 30, 1917.

### Explanations.

The business of the Five Years Meeting has been handled throughout the period on a cash basis and funds have always been on hand to meet all expenditures. All disbursements, whether from special funds or from appropriation accounts have been made upon duly approved vouchers signed either by the Chairmen of the various Boards, the Chairman of the Executive Committee or by the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

All receipts have been promptly deposited in the bank and all payments have been made by check. The books have been audited at the close of each year by the Auditing Committee, and annual reports have been submitted to the Executive and Finance Committees and the Treasurer has endeavored to bring to their attention from time to time, all matters of importance.

### Condensed Statement of Cash (Exhibit A).

From the condensed statement of cash for the five years, it will be noted that the total receipts amounted to $33,878.80, being $14,761.09 on account of special funds and $19,117.71 on account of general fund. The payments during the five years amounted

to $31,595.83, being $13,627.52 on account of special funds and $17,968.31 on account of the general fund.

The special fund receipts consist of collections made by the Treasurer on subscriptions to the General Secretary fund taken at the last Five Years Meeting and miscellaneous donations on behalf of the various Boards and Committees.

Receipts on the general fund consist of payments made by the Yearly Meetings on account of assessments agreed upon each year, and unspecified contributions and interest on the Treasurer's balance.

The disbursements on account of the special funds consist of vouchers paid by the Treasurer upon order of the Chairmen of the several Boards to whom the funds belonged. These disbursements consisted of salary and expenses of the General Secretary and the Young Friends Secretary, and of the transfer of donations to the other Boards.

The disbursements under general fund consist of the expenses paid under the appropriations fixed by the Finance Committee each year. These disbursements were always made upon the approval of the Chairmen of the various Boards and Committees, and where the total for the year exceeded the budget appropriation, the approval of the Chairman of the Finance Committee was obtained. The total amounts paid each year and the amount under or over the appropriation are shown in detail on Exhibit C.

The balance of cash on hand September 30, 1917, and amounting to $3,524.64, is supported by the statement of the Fidelity Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo. This balance is composed of amounts on hand in several funds as follows:

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|---|---|
| Balance to credit of General Secretary Fund | $ 832.52 |
| Balance to credit of Young Friends Board | 292.99 |
| Balance to credit of Legislation Board | 19.61 |
| Balance in General Fund available for further appropriations yet to be made | 2,379.52 |
| Total | $3,524.64 |

### Treasurer's Statement of Expenses for Five Years. (Exhibit B)

The statement of expenses paid during the five years shows that the total amount paid on behalf of the various Boards and Committees, exclusive of the Executive Committee, was $10,308.67, and the total amount paid for general administration, including the Central Office in California and Richmond, Executive Committee, Publication of 1912 Proceedings and Commission Reports, and the Treasurer's sundry expenses, was $7,659.64.

### Statement of Receipts and Disbursements by Years. (Exhibit C)

These statements show the amount received and disbursed each year during the five years and are identical with the statements submitted by the Treasurer to the Executive Committee at the close of each year.

### Treasurer's Balance Sheet September 30, 1917. (Exhibit D)

The Treasurer's balance sheet September 30, 1917, shows the financial condition of the Five Years Meeting on that date. The assets consist of cash, $3,524.64, already explained; unpaid Yearly Meeting assessments, $920.90, and an item to be refunded by the Peace Association of $11.55. This item has since been refunded. The total assets amounted to $4,457.09. Of this amount there belonged to special funds, $1,145.12 as follows:

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|---|---|
| General Secretary Fund | $ 832.52 |
| Young Friends Board | 292.99 |
| Board of Legislation | 19.61 |
| Total | $1,145.12 |

The remaining assets belong to the general fund and amount to $3,311.97, consisting of the following:

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|---|---|
| Cash on hand | $2,379.52 |
| Unpaid Yearly Meeting balance | 920.90 |
| Peace Association balance to be refunded | 11.55 |
| Total | $3,311.97 |

### Conclusion.

In concluding my report as Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting, I wish to give an expression of appreciation of the assistance that has been afforded me through the co-operation of the Finance and Executive Committees and the Treasurers of the various Yearly Meetings. Practically all assesments as fixed by the Finance Committee have been promptly paid by the Yearly Meeting Treasurers and the work of the Treasurer thereby facilitated.

The handling of the funds of the Five Years Meeting is a rapidly increasing task, and I have given some attention and thought to the proper method to be followed in the future. It is my judgment that the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting should not be charged with the work of keeping the accounts; he should be the receiving and disbursing officer only and the accounts should be kept in the Central Office of the Five Years Meeting under a complete system of double entry bookkeeping from which financial statements could be easily submitted at the close of each month. A logical procedure in my opinion would be the selection of a Treasurer in Richmond so that the books could be kept in the Central Office.

We are all interested in seeing the work of the Five Years Meeting move forward with uninterrupted progress and as we conduct our business we should strive to do it in the most business-like manner and thereby secure the largest co-operation on the part of our entire membership.

With a deep feeling of the honor that has been conferred upon me in holding the position of Treasurer during the past five years, I now relinquish this office to the one who shall be chosen for the next period.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis A. Wright, Jr., *Treasurer.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SUBMITTED BY THE

## TREASURER OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING
## OCTOBER 15, 1917

*Exhibit A*—Statement of Cash Received and Disbursed during five years ending September 30, 1917.
*Exhibit B*—Statement of Expenses paid during five years ending September 30, 1917.
*Exhibit C*—Statement of Receipts and Disbursements by years.
*Exhibit D*—Treasurer's Balance Sheet September 30, 1917.

## EXHIBIT A

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIVED AND DISBURSED DURING FIVE YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1917.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance received from Miles White, Jr., Treas. | | $ 1,241.67 |

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| Gen'l Sec'y Fund (Subscriptions) | $6,341.71 | |
| Young Friends' Board (Donations) | 6,288.36 | |
| Peace Association (Donations) | 502.61 | |
| Evangelistic and Church Extension Board (Donations) | 505.15 | |
| Evangelistic and Church Extension Board (Wasson Fund) | 500.00 | |
| Joint Evangelistic and Foreign Mission Fund | 104.20 | |
| Education Board (Baltimore Y. M. cont.) | 150.00 | |
| Legislation Board (Donations) | 78.06 | |
| Publication Board (Donations) | 250.00 | |
| Publication Board Guarantee Fund | 41.00 | |
| | | 14,761.09 |
| *General Fund*: | | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1911-12 | $ 87.73 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1912-13 | 4,840.00 | |
| *Carried Forward* | $4,927.73 | |

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|---|---|---|
| *Brought Forward* | $4,927.73 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1913-14 | 3,066.00 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1914-15 | 3,073.00 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1915-16 | 3,049.90 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1916-17 | 4,392.00 | |
| | | 18,508.63 |
| Add'l Contribution, N. E. Y. M | 123.49 | |
| Int. on Treasurer's Balance | 313.00 | |
| Unspecified Contributions and Miscellaneous Receipts | 172.59 | |
| | | 619.08 |
| Total Receipts | | $35,120.47 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| Gen'l Sec'y Fund, Salary and Expenses | $5,509.19 | |
| Young Friends' Brd., Salary and Expenses | 5,995.37 | |
| Peace Ass'n Transfer of Donations | 514.16 | |
| Evangelistic and Church Extension Brd. Transfer of Donations | 557.25 | |
| Evangelistic and Church Extension Brd. Transfer of Wasson Fund | 500.00 | |
| Foreign Mission Brd. Transfer of Donations | 52.10 | |
| Education Brd. Transfer of Donations | 150.00 | |
| Legislation Brd. Exp. paid from Donations | 58.45 | |
| Publication Brd. Transfer of Donations | 250.00 | |
| Publication Brd. Transfer of Guarantee Fund | 41.00 | |
| | 13.627.52 | |
| *General Fund*: | | |
| Expenses of Various Brds. and Committees as per statement attached (See Exhibit B) | 17,968.31 | |
| | | 31,595.83 |
| Balance on hand Sept. 30, 1917 | | $ 3,524.64 |

## EXHIBIT B

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF EXPENSES PAID DURING FIVE YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30. 1917.

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|---|---|---|
| *Boards and Committees*: | | |
| American Friends Board of Foreign Missions | $3,711.43 | |
| Young Friends' Board | 1,494.68 | |
| Peace Association | 1,149.44 | |
| Bible School Board | 1,132.68 | |
| Education Board | 753.00 | |
| Legislation Board | 435.05 | |
| Evangelistic and Church Extension Brd. | 430.77 | |
| Publication Board | 270.32 | |
| Social Service Board | 85.51 | |
| Board on Welfare of Negroes | 4.65 | |
| Delegates to Federal Council of Churches | 259.14 | |
| Dues of Federal Council of Churches | 498.00 | |
| Men's Conference | 50.00 | |
| Program Committee (1917 Session) | 34.00 | |
| | | $10,308.67 |
| *General Administration*: | | |
| Central Office (California) | $1,384.54 | |
| Central Office (Richmond) | 1,990.00 | |
| Executive Committee | 1,852.28 | |
| Publication of 1912 Proceedings | 1,917.10 | |
| Publication of 1912 Commission Reports | 123.78 | |
| Treasurer's Bond and Expenses | 237.45 | |
| Sundry Expenses | 154.49 | |
| | | 7,659.64 |
| Total Expenses for Five Years (as per cash statement) | | $17,968.31 |

## EXHIBIT C

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1913.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance rec'd from former Treasurer | $ 1,241.67 |

RECEIPTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| General Secretary Fund | $1,436.71 | |
| Young People's Activities Fund | 511.55 | |
| Joint Evangelistic and Foreign Mission Fund (1907) | 104.20 | |
| Evangelistic Board (Wasson Fund) | 500.00 | |
| Evangelistic Board (Sunday collections) | 169.22 | |
| Education Board (Donation of Baltimore Y. M. | 25.00 | |
| Publication Board (Donation) | 5.00 | |
| Publication (Donation James Wood) | 250.00 | |
| Publication Board (On Guarantee Fund) | 41.00 | |
| | | 3,042.68 |
| *General Fund*: | | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1911-12 | $ 87.73 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1912-13 | 3,694.00 | |
| Add'l amt. received from N. E. Y. M. | 43.44 | |
| Haverford Coll. for copy of Stenographic Report, last Five Years Meeting | 27.00 | |
| Int. on Treas.'s Balance to Sept. 30, 1913 | 44.37 | |
| Exchange on checks received | .55 | |
| Refund, Nicholson Ptg. Co. | 8.97 | |
| Refund, former Treasurer's Bond | 4.50 | |
| Refund, supplies returned by Bible School Committee | 9.52 | |
| | | 3,920.08 |
| Total receipts | | $8,204.43 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Special Fund*: | | |
| Trans. to Evangelistic Brd. Treas | $ 213.87 | |
| Trans. to Pub. Brd. (Donation, J. Wood) | 250.00 | |
| Refund Act. overpayment of Sub. to Y. P. A. | 10.00 | |
| *General Fund*: (Expended under Appropriations) | | |
| Expenses (as per attached schedule) | 3,975.92 | |
| | | 4,449.79 |
| Balance on hand September 30, 1913 | | $3,754.64 |

EXPENSES PAID BY TREASURER DURING YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1913

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Publication of Proceedings*: | | |
| Stenographic report | $ 311.05 | |
| Printing minutes (see refund, $8.97 in receipts) | 1,589.17 | |
| Distributing minutes | 16.88 | |
| | | $1,917.10 |
| *Expenses of Boards and Committees*: | | |
| Foreign Mission Board | 708.45 | |
| Evangelistic Board | 50.49 | |
| Education Board | 22.50 | |
| Bible School Board | 162.34 | |
| Publication Board | 104.00 | |
| Peace Association | 149.44 | |
| Young People's Board | 68.33 | |
| Delegates to Federal Council of Churches | 25.60 | |
| | | 1,291.15 |
| *General Expenses*: | | |
| Executive Committee (Traveling) | $ 308.42 | |
| Executive Committee (Sundry) | 77.10 | |
| Treasurer, printing and postage | 31.87 | |
| Treasurer's Bond | 7.50 | |
| Finance Committee | 3.75 | |
| Publishing Commission Reports | 123.78 | |
| Incorporating Five Years Meeting | 33.50 | |
| Securing subscriptions | 74.65 | |
| Badges used at Five Years Meeting | 6.10 | |
| | $ 666.67 | |
| *Subscription to Federal Council of Churches* | 101.00 | |
| | | 707.67 |
| Total Expenses (As per Cash Acct.) | | $3,975.92 |

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1914.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand October 1, 1913..... | | $3,754.64 |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| General Secretary Fund .....$1,191.00 | | |
| Young Friends' Activities Fund..... | 278.50 | |
| Evangelistic and Church Ext. Brd..... | 102.74 | |
| Education Board, (from Baltimore Y. M.) | 25.00 | |
| Peace Ass'n contributions ..... | 118.30 | |
| | | $1,715.54 |
| *General Fund*: | | |
| Unspecified contributions .....$ | 16.05 | |
| Int. on Treasurer's balance..... | 75.13 | |
| Sale of Stenographic report (1912 Mtg.). | 27.00 | |
| Sale of Minutes of 1912 Meeting..... | 30.58 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1912-13..... | 597.00 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1913-14 ..... | 1,474.00 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, additional from New England Y. M. ..... | 41.83 | |
| | | 2,261.60 |
| Total Receipts ..... | | $7.731.78 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| General Secretary Fund (salary and expense of Secretary .....$1,207.54 | | |
| Young Friends' Activities (salary and expense of Secretary)..... | 784.11 | |
| Evangelistic and Church Ext. Board (Transfer of collections)..... | 110.19 | |
| Evangelistic and Church Ext. Board (Transfer of Wasson Fund)..... | 500.00 | |
| Education Board (Transfer of Coll.).... | 50.00 | |
| *Carried Forward* .....$2,651.84 | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Bought Forward* ..... | $2.651.84 | |
| Peace Ass'n (Transfer of Coll.)..... | 118.30 | |
| Foreign Mission Brd. (Transfer of Coll.) | 52.10 | |
| Guarantee Fund Publication Board (Transfer of Coll.)..... | 41.00 | |
| | 2,863.24 | |
| *General Fund*: (Expended under appropriations.) | | |
| Expenses of various Boards (As per schedule attached) ..... | 2,855.75 | |
| | | 5,718.99 |
| Balance on hand September 30, 1914..... | | $2,012.79 |

## Expenses Paid by Treasurer During Year Ending September 30, 1914.

| | Amount of Appropriation | Amount Used | Balances Over App. | Balances Under App. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Central Office (Richmond office) | $ 600.00 | $ 131.43 | | $ 468.57 |
| Central Office (California office) | 400.00 | 299.57 | | 100.43 |
| Central Office (Furnishings) | 100.00 | | | 100.00 |
| Central Office (Secretary's salary) | 60.00 | 65.00 | 5.00 | |
| Executive Committee (Stationery and Central Com.) | 300.00 | 135.15 | | 164.85 |
| Executive Committee (Annual meeting) | 450.00 | 408.87 | | 41.13 |
| General Expenses (Treasurer's Bond) | 7.50 | 7.50 | | |
| General Expenses (Treasurer's Expenses) | 30.00 | 19.08 | | 10.92 |
| General Expenses (Auditing) (Express on Books) | 2.50 | 3.00 | .50 | |
| General Expenses (Finance Committee) | 5.00 | 3.75 | | 1.25 |
| General Expenses (Sundries) | 10.00 | 5.85 | | 4.15 |
| Young Friends Board | 200.00 | 198.40 | | 1.60 |
| Board on Foreign Missions | 700.00 | 561.00 | | 139.00 |
| Board on Legislation | 100.00 | 100.00 | | |
| Board on Welfare of the Negroes | 100.00 | | | 100.00 |
| Evangelistic and Church Extension | 250.00 | 197.97 | | 52.03 |
| Board of Education | 175.00 | 156.70 | | 18.21 |
| Bible School Board | 200.00 | 182.11 | | 17.89 |
| Peace Association | 200.00 | 200.00 | | |
| Social Service Board | 200.00 | 48.91 | | 151.09 |
| Board on Publications | 100.00 | 30.37 | | 69.63 |
| Federal Council of Churches | 100.00 | 101.00 | 1.00 | |
| Total | $4,290.00 | $2,855.75 | $6.50 | $1,440.75 |

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1915.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand October 1, 1914..... | | $2.012.79 |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| General Secretary Fund..... | $1,345.50 | |
| Young Friends' Board ..... | 936.85 | |
| Peace Association (contributions)..... | 105.31 | |
| Education Board (contributions from Baltimore Yearly Meeting..... | 25.00 | |
| | | $2,412.66 |
| *General Fund*: | | |
| Unspecified contributions .....$ | 5.00 | |
| Int. on Certificates of Deposit (3%)..... | 37.08 | |
| Int. on Bank Balances (2%)..... | 29.91 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1912-13..... | 300.00 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1913-14..... | 1,168.00 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1914-15..... | 2,058.00 | |
| Add'l Contribution from N. E. Y. M.... | 38.22 | |
| | | $3,636.21 |
| Total Receipts ..... | | $8,061.66 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| General Secretary Fund (salary and expenses of Secretary).....$1,438.16 | | |
| Young Friends' Board (salary and expenses of Secretary)..... | 1,047.87 | |
| Education Board (transfer of col.)..... | 25.00 | |
| Peace Association (transfer of col.)..... | 105.31 | |
| | 2,616.34 | |
| *General Fund*: (Expended by appropriations) | | |
| Expenses of various Boards (as per schedule attached) ..... | 2,905.92 | |
| | | 5,522.26 |
| Balance on hand September 30, 1915..... | | $2,539.40 |

## Expenses Paid by Treasurer During Year Ending September 30, 1915.

| | Amount of Appropriation | Amount Used | Over Apprn. | Under Apprn. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Central Office (Richmond) | $ 500.00 | $ 231.65 | | $ 268.35 |
| Central Office (California) | 835.00 | 511.72 | | 323.28 |
| Executive Committee | 650.00 | 186.45 | | 463.55 |
| General Expenses (Treasurer's Bond) | 7.50 | 7.50 | | |
| General Expenses (Treas. Expenses) | 50.00 | 49.80 | | .20 |
| General Expenses (Auditing) | 5.00 | .86 | | 4.14 |
| General Expenses (Finance Committee) | 5.00 | 3.75 | | 1.25 |
| General Expenses (Sundry) | 17.50 | 4.90 | | 12.60 |
| Young Friends' Board | 300.00 | 427.95 | 127.95 | |
| Board of Foreign Missions | 650.00 | 668.18 | 18.18 | |
| Board of Legislation | 200.00 | 119.30 | | 80.70 |
| Board of Welfare of Negroes | 100.00 | 4.65 | | 95.35 |
| Board of Education | 175.00 | 82.44 | | 92.56 |
| Evangelistic and Church Extension | 250.00 | 82.69 | | 167.31 |
| Bible School Board | 250.00 | 129.23 | | 120.77 |
| Peace Association | 200.00 | 200.00 | | |
| Social Service | 200.00 | 36.60 | | 163.40 |
| Board of Publication | 85.00 | 79.45 | | 5.55 |
| Federal Council | 100.00 | 28.80 | | 71.20 |
| Men's Conference | 50.00 | 50.00 | | |
| Totals | $4,630.00 | $2,905.92 | $ 146.13 | $1,870.21 |

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OCTOBER 1, 1915 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1916.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand October 1, 1915..... | | $2,539.40 |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| General Secretary Fund..... | $1,107.50 | |
| Young Friends' Board ..... | 1,583.16 | |
| Peace Association (contributions)..... | 135.87 | |
| Education Board (contributions from Baltimore Y. M..... | 50.00 | |
| Legislation Board (contributions)..... | 78.06 | |
| Evangelistic Board (contributions)..... | 233.19 | |
| *General Fund*: | | 3,187.78 |
| Int. on Certificates of Deposit (3%)....$ | 39.39 | |
| Int. on Bank Balance (2%)..... | 18.38 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1912-13..... | 249.00 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1913-14..... | 212.00 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1914-15..... | 557.50 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1915-16..... | 2,557.00 | |
| Unspecified contributions ..... | 10.05 | |
| | | 3,643.32 |
| Total Receipts ..... | | $9,370.50 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| Gen'l Sec'y Fund (salary and ex.).....$ | 916.91 | |
| Y. F. Board (salary and ex.)..... | 1,439.64 | |
| Education Brd. (trans. of donations).... | 50.00 | |
| Legislation Brd. (ex. paid out of donations) | 58.45 | |
| Evangelistic Brd. (trans. of donations).. | 233.19 | |
| Peace Ass'n Brd. (trans. of donations).. | 132.38 | |
| Peace Ass'n Brd. (ex. paid out of dona.) | 3.49 | |
| *General Fund*: | 2,879.06 | |
| Ex. of Various Brds (as per schedule attached) .....3,556.04 | | |
| | | 6,435.10 |
| Balance on hand September 30, 1916..... | | $2,935.40 |

## Expenses Paid by Treasurer During Year Ending September 30, 1916.

| | Amount of Appropriation | Amount Used | Over Apprn. | Under Apprn. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Central Office (California) | $ 660.00 | $ 360.08 | | $ 299.92 |
| Central Office (Richmond) | 300.00 | 108.68 | | 191.32 |
| Executive Committee | 577.50 | 495.49 | | 82.01 |
| General Expense (Treas. Bond) | 7.50 | 7.50 | | |
| General Expense (Treas. Expense) | 50.00 | 47.30 | | 2.70 |
| General Expense (Auditing) | 2.50 | .43 | | 2.07 |
| General Expense (Finance Com.) | 5.00 | 3.75 | | 1.25 |
| General Expense (Sundry) | 17.50 | | | 17.50 |
| Young Friends' Board | 400.00 | 400.00 | | |
| Board of Foreign Missions | 800.00 | 813.80 | 13.80 | |
| Board of Legislation | 200.00 | 200.00 | | |
| Board of Welfare of Negroes | 50.00 | | | 50.00 |
| Board of Education | 300.00 | 162.38 | | 137.62 |
| Evangelistic Board | 250.00 | 90.37 | | 159.63 |
| Bible School Board | 250.00 | 324.41 | 74.41 | |
| Peace Association | 300.00 | 300.00 | | |
| Social Service Board | 50.00 | | | 50.00 |
| Board of Publication | 80.00 | 43.85 | | 36.15 |
| Federal Council | 150.00 | 198.00 | 48.00 | |
| Totals | $4,450.00 | $3,556.04 | $ 136.21 | $1,030.17 |

Note.. Federal Council, $198.00. This is for two years' Assessments, 1915-16. 1915 was not paid until after 10 Mo. 1, 1915.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OCTOBER 1, 1916 TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1917.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Balance on hand October 1, 1916..... | | $2,935.40 |
| RECEIPTS | | |
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| General Secretary Fund..... | $1,261.00 | |
| Young Friends' Brd. (salary expenses).. | 2,978.30 | |
| Peace Assn. (contributions)..... | 143.13 | |
| Education Brd. (contributions from Baltimore Y. M.) ..... | 25.00 | |
| | | 4,407.43 |
| *General Fund*: | | |
| Int. on Bank Balances (2%)..... | $ 68.19 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1913-14..... | 212.00 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1914-15..... | 457.50 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1915-16..... | 492.90 | |
| Y. M. Assessments, 1916-17..... | 4,392.00 | |
| Unspecified Contributions..... | 28.91 | |
| | | 5,651.50 |
| Total Receipts ..... | | $12,994.33 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | | |
| *General Fund*: | | |
| General Secretary Fund (salary and traveling expenses) ..... | $1.901.58 | |
| Young Friends Brd. (salary expenses)... | 2,713.75 | |
| Education Brd. (trans. of funds)..... | 25.00 | |
| Peace Assn. (trans. of funds)..... | 154.68 | |
| | 4.795.01 | |
| *General Fund*: | | |
| Ex. of various Boards as per statement attached) ..... | 4,674.68 | |
| Total ..... | | 9,469.69 |
| Balance on hand September 30, 1917.... | | $3,524.64 |

## Expenses Paid by Treasurer During Year Ending September 30, 1917.

| | Amount of Appropriation | Amount Used | Over Appro. | Under Appro. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Central Office (California) | $ 75.00 | $ 52.80 | | $ 22.20 |
| Central Office (Richmond) | 1,438.00 | 1,453.24 | $ 15.24 | |
| Central Office (Year Book) | 300.00 | 160.37 | | 139.63 |
| Executive Committee | 740.00 | 240.80 | | 499.20 |
| General Expense (Treas. Bond) | 7.50 | 7.50 | | |
| General Expense (Treas. Expense) | 50.00 | 51.90 | 1.90 | |
| General Expense (Auditing) | 2.50 | .90 | | 1.60 |
| General Expense (Finance Com.) | 5.00 | 9.30 | 4.30 | |
| Young Friends' Board | 400.00 | 400.00 | | |
| Board of Foreign Missions | 900.00 | 960.00 | 60.00 | |
| Board of Legislation | 150.00 | 15.75 | | 134.25 |
| Board of Education | 250.00 | 328.89 | 78.89 | |
| Evangelistic Board | 200.00 | 9.25 | | 190.75 |
| Bible School Board | 350.00 | 334.59 | | 15.41 |
| Board of Publications | 75.00 | 12.65 | | 62.35 |
| Peace Association | 300.00 | 300.00 | | |
| Social Service Board | 50.00 | | | 50.00 |
| Board on Welfare of Negroes | 25.00 | | | 25.00 |
| Federal Council of Churches | 300.00 | 204.74 | | 95.26 |
| Federal Council of Churches (Dues) | 100.00 | 98.00 | | 2.00 |
| Delegates to Inter-Denominational Boards | 100.00 | | | 100.00 |
| Program Committee | 250.00 | 34.00 | | 216.00 |
| Total | $6.068.00 | $4,674.68 | $ 160.33 | $1,553.65 |

## Treasurer's Balance Sheet September 30, 1917.

### ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Cash on Hand*: | | |
| Balance in Fidelity Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo. | | |
| Balance to Credit of General | | |
| Balance Secretary Fund ..... | $ 832.52 | |
| Balance to credit of Young Friends' Brd.. | 292.99 | |
| Balance to Credit of Legislation Brd.... | 19.61 | |
| Balance in General Fund..... | 2,379.52 | |
| | | $3,524.64 |
| *Unpaid Y. M. Assessments*: | | |
| Kansas Y. M., 1915-16 account..... | $ 74.90 | |
| Kansas Y. M., 1916-17 account..... | 678.00 | |
| Oregon Y. M., 1916-17 account..... | 168.00 | |
| | $ 920.90 | |
| *Peace Association*: | | |
| Balance to be refunded..... | 11.55 | |
| | | 932.45 |
| | | $4,457.09 |

### LIABILITIES

(Distribution of Assets)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Special Funds*: | | |
| General Secretary Fund ..... | $ 832.52 | |
| Young Friends' Board ..... | 292.99 | |
| Board on Legislation ..... | 19.61 | |
| | | 1,145.12 |
| *General Fund*: | | |
| Cash on hand ..... | $2,379.52 | |
| Unpaid Yearly Meeting Balance..... | 920.90 | |
| Peace Assn. Balance to be refunded..... | 11.55 | |
| | | 3,311.97 |
| | | $4,457.09 |

195. Rufus M. Jones introduced Richard Roberts, Pastor of the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, New York, formerly Secretary of "The Fellowship of Reconciliation." In his address on "The Carrying of the Christian Message to the World," he brought a living, prophetic message.

196. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

197. After a time of silence, and a season of prayer led by Minnie Bowles, of Japan, the meeting adjourned to Second Day Morning at 9:30.

## SECOND DAY MORNING, TENTH MO. 22D.

The session convened according to adjournment.

198. Richard R. Newby led the meeting in prayer.

199. Hannah Morris, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, brought a message of love and cheer.

200. The following letter was read from the Quaker Club of Hartford Theological Seminary. The answering of the message was referred to the Committee on Arrangements.

Hosmer Hall, October 16, 1917.

*The Five Years Meeting of Friends:*

Sixteen Young Friends at Hartford Theological Seminary, bound into one fellowship by the spirit of the Quaker traditions, send to the Five Years Meeting of Friends, greetings, and the testimony of their firm belief in the principles and messages of that Church, especially in this day of the world's great distress and suffering. We ask that we may have your prayers in this day of severe testing to which we are subject, that we may be unshaken in the faith, and loyal to our Master, whatever the cost.

On behalf of the Quaker Club of Hartford,

ELDEN H. MILLS, *Correspondent.*

The Business Committee made the following recommendations which were approved:

201. We recommend that the Executive Committee provide a depository for all important documents.

202. We recommend that as many carbon copies of the stenographic report be made as can be disposed of at the price of $20.00 each.

203. We recommend that the following telegram be sent to the President of the United States:

*To the President of the United States:*
*The White House, Washington, D. C.*
The Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, in session in this city, has entered deeply into sympathy with thee in this time of intense strain and difficulty and heavy responsibility, and we, who compose it, desire to send thee a message of sincere appreciation and greeting. We have repeatedly been baptized into earnest prayer that God's guidance may be granted to thee in this period of world crisis and that through thy faithfulness and service, truth and righteousness may be advanced in the earth.

204. We recommend that the following telegram be sent to Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War:

*Hon. Newton D. Baker:*
The Five Years Meeting of the Society of Friends now in session representing 80,000 American Friends, unanimously urges that drafted Friends, who hold form 174, be turned over to the American Friends Service Committee for Reconstruction work in France and other self-sacrificing tasks.

205. We recommend that the delegation from Canada Yearly Meeting prepare and present a telegram to be sent to the Premier of Canada.

206. We recommend that the Five Years Meeting make the ruling that Part IV of the Discipline, Chapter

IV, in Departments of Work of the Five Years Meeting, be treated as business procedure and not subject to the regulations for amendment; we further recommend that the Yearly Meeting be asked to ratify this action.

207. We recommend that the following letter be sent to drafted men in camp:

The Five Years Meeting of the Friends in America in session at Richmond, Indiana, sends you this message of love and sympathy.

We have had your difficult position almost constantly before us, and our feeling of fellowship and desire to be of assistance to you has found frequent expression.

You are now placed in the front line of battle for the preservation of our testimony to freedom of conscience. We would therefore have you realize that the Church is behind you, praying for your support by Divine power, and anxious to do all in our ability to strengthen your position.

The permanence of our religious liberty depends to a considerable degree upon your fidelity to conviction. We are your friends,

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting,
ROBERT E. PRETLOW, *Clerk*.

208. Earle J. Harold, of New England Yearly Meeting, urged that we encourage our congregations to keep in touch with all members of our Society, who are, at this time, taking part in any form of government service. His remarks were heartily endorsed.

209. The Business Committee presented to the meeting for its adoption the following statement of the fundamental belief of Friends on the subject of Peace. The message was approved.

## MESSAGE OF THE FIVE YEARS MEETING.

We have met this year in the midst of the most destructive and desolating war that has ever been waged in human history. We are profoundly moved by the suffering of the world and in some real sense we have come under the burden and tragedy of the staggering human woe and sorrow around us. Fondly had we hoped and fervently had we prayed that with the growth of international relationships war might cease and Christian nations might never again resort to it and let loose upon the world the devastation of hate. We were doomed to disappointment and now we must wait longer for the consummation of our hope.

We renew, however, our unaltered faith in the ultimate triumph of Christ's way of life and the power of righteousness and love to overcome evil. We have seen gigantic evils conquered by simple faith in the forces of goodness. The barbaric prison and penal systems, the traffic in human slaves, the existence of corrupting lotteries, the exploitation of children for commercial purposes, the inequality of privilege for the sexes, have all yielded to the irresistible force of light and conscience. The saloon is plainly threatened and almost certainly doomed.

For two hundred and fifty years our Society through peril and suffering, has made a valient effort to carry the Christian way of life into practice, and to make a holy experiment in the application of the gospel of love. During all this time Friends have held, alike in times of strife and in times of peace, religious principles which forbid engaging in war. It is because of our consistent fidelity to these principles that the government has given recognition in the selective draft law to our religious convictions for which provision we wish to express appreciation.

In every war-crisis, some of our members have gone along with the prevailing trend and method, but the body itself in its meeting capacity has remained through all the years unswervingly true to the spiritual ideal. We have always been and still are a loyal patriotic people, true to the ideals of citizenship, contributing in all possible ways to the promotion of stable and efficent government, and ready to take our full share in the labors, efforts, dangers and perils involved in the maintenance of true democracy. But we cannot surrender the central faith by which we live. We cannot accept Christ's teaching in theory and deny

it in life and action. We do not judge others who follow different apprehensions of duty, but as for ourselves we stand obedient to the light as given to us, and we are ready to maintain the truth as we see it, regardless of what it may cost us in trial and suffering. In the present and in the future, as in the past, we must continue as a people to maintain among ourselves and to propagate in the world the kind of Christian life which does away with the occasion for all war, and cultivate the spirit which creates brotherhood and international unity. We desire to emphasize the positive aspect of our faith rather than to dwell upon a negative testimony, and it is our hope that our entire membership may now and in the future make a great constructive contribution of love and service, and may exhibit in this desperate time a Christian faith colored with the red blood of virility and heroism. We must not do less than those who believe that war is necessary and who are ready to fight with carnal weapons, nor can we seek an easier way of life. This is a solemn hour for us. We and our faith are on trial. We are being tested as never before. We are at the parting of the ways. We shall emerge from this crucible of the world's history, weakened in power and unworthy of spiritual leadership; or we shall rise to the crisis and find through our loyalty to Christ a new vision and increased power for a fresh onward march.

Richmond, Indiana, 1917.

The Business Committee made the following recommendations, which were approved:

210. We recommend that the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions be constituted as at present, with the addition of two members representing the Women's Foreign Missionary Union, whose valued work in the cause of Foreign Missions we desire to recognize.

We call the attention of the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions to the great expense entailed in the meetings of that Board, and ask that they give this matter most careful consideration.

We further suggest that it may be best to reduce the representation on the Board to one from each Yearly Meeting.

211. We recommend that the present members of the Friends' Service Committee, who are members of the Five Years Meeting, be appointed as our official representatives with the additional names of Albert S. Rogers, J. Edwin Jay, L. Clarkson Hinshaw, Edgar H. Stranahan.

212. We recommend the continuation of the Publication Board of Seven as at present organized to have oversight of the publication of *The American Friend,* and all other publications not otherwise provided for. The Chairman of the Publication Board shall be a member of the Executive Board of the Five Years Meeting. We further recommend that the Advisory Committee on Publication be discontinued.

213. We recommend that the following Boards be left as heretofore:

Bible School, Educational, Young Friends Activities, Peace Association of Friends in America, Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, Suppression of the Liquor Traffic. We recommend that the work of the Board on Legislation be assigned to the Executive Board of the Five Years Meeting.

214. Further recommendations of the Business Committee concerning the reorganization of Boards were, after discussion, resubmitted to the Business Committee for revision.

215. John R. Cary, of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, in a practical and effective speech, urged the delegations to exert their best efforts to raise, in their respective Yearly

Meetings, their proportionate share of a budget for carrying on the various activities of the Church, on the basis of $10,000.00 a year.

216. The motion was unanimously approved that the General Secretary and the Executive Committee be instructed to raise at least $10,000.00 a year, and that they be authorized to plan methods and devise means for procuring this sum.

217. A subscription for raising this money was taken in the face of the meeting, amounting to $8,915.00.

218. The following recommendation of the Business Committee was approved, and the matter referred to the Committee on Organization:

Desiring that the Board of Young Friends may have a more co-ordinated organization than that which could be developed by the suggestion adopted in Minute 5, Page 270, of the recommendations of the Business Committee of the Five Years Meeting of 1912, we recommend that the Board of Young Friends of America be composed of an Executive Committee consisting of the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, treasurer, and one member at large, together with the Superintendents of Young People's Work of the respective Yearly Meetings. Each Yearly Meeting representative shall hold his office as long as he is retained by his Yearly Meeting. The Executive Committee shall be appointed by the Five Years Meeting to retain office throughout the five-year period.

219. The motion of Wilbur K. Thomas was approved that all subscriptions be paid to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting.

220. Alfred Kemp Brown, a fraternal delegate from London Yearly Meeting, spoke of the conditions prevailing among "Conscientious Objectors" in England.

221. The minutes of the meeting were read and approved.

222. After a moment of silent waiting, the meeting adjourned to 3:00 P. M.

## SECOND DAY AFTERNOON, TENTH MO. 22D.

The meeting convened at the appointed time.

223. Margaret T. Carey, of Baltimore Yearly Meeting led the devotional exercises.

224. Wilbur K. Thomas expressed the wish that an unarranged and unprogrammed meeting might be provided for on First Day of next Five Years Meeting. Many united with this concern and the matter of providing for such a meeting was referred to the Committee on Arrangements for the next meeting.

225. The following draft of a telegram to be sent to the Premier of Canada was presented and approved:

To Hon. Robert L. Borden, Premier,
Ottawa, Canada.

The Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, including Canada Yearly Meeting, now in session in this ctiy, desires to express our deep sympathy for thee under the heavy burdens laid upon thee as leader of the Government and people of Canada during these times of stress and suffering. We earnestly pray that the Divine guidance and grace may be vouchsafed to all our rulers, and that the hearts of all peoples may turn more fully towards God that, throughout a world now in travail, the principles of justice, love and good will may triumph and a new

day of righteousness, universal brotherhood and peace may be established.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,
ROBERT E. PRETLOW, *Clerk*.

Richmond, 10-22-17.

226. The Business Committee presented the following recommendation which was approved:

We recommend that the Committee on Arrangements for the next Five Years Meeting be instructed to engage a typist for the use of the Business Committee.

227. The Business Committee made the following recommendation, which was approved:

We recommend the formation of a Home Mission Board of twenty persons. We recommend that this Board organize three or more departments, one of which shall be the department on Evangelism and Church Extension. We recommend that this Board shall select a Chairman who may or may not be a member of the Board. This Chairman, with the heads of all the depratments and two other members, shall constitute the Executive Committee. We recommend that one member from each Yearly Meeting be selected for this Board, and the other members be selected from the Five Years Meeting at large.

228. The following recommendation of the Business Committee was approved:

The Executive Board shall consist of the Presiding Clerk, one member selected from each of the standing Boards, who may or who may not be the Chairman of a Board, and a member from each Yearly Meeting not otherwise represented. The General Secretary shall be a member *ex-officio*.

229. The motion was made and approved that any Board should be permitted to decide for itself as to whether its Chairman or some other person on the Board be named as a member of the Executive Committee.

230. The Business Committee reported the following minute which was approved:

We urge upon all the importance of individual responsibility in meetings for worship. It is only through individual souls entering into personal communion with God that there can be a true congregational worship—a union of hearts in the spirit of prayer, of praise, and of aspiration.

Friends are encouraged to see that an opportunity for personal communion with God be given in every meeting for worship.

231. The following proposition of S. Edgar Nicholson was referred without action to the Home Mission Board:

The attention of the Five Years Meeting has been directed to the importance of the better conservation of our membership, and to what is apparently a growing interest in the openings for church extension and home missions in the newer settlements of America, as well as in the larger cities. It appears that Friends are losing more or less of their membership because members are moving continually into cities or communities where there are no Friends Meetings, with the result that gradually they are lost from our membership lists. It would seem that the only possible way by which our membership can be adequately conserved is by the establishment of new Friends Meetings in communities where apparently Friends are gathering in considerable numbers, keeping in mind always that community of interests which properly belongs to the sisterhood of denominations and endeavoring to avoid unnecessary multiplication of

Churches in any section. It appears also that there are openings for the location of Friends in certain settlements like irrigation centers, a situation which Friends must face with intelligent planning and foresight.

We desire to urge the continuance and extension of our gospel and social service interest among the less favored peoples of America who need moral and religious help, all this in harmony with the modern tendency toward federative activity on the part of the Christian Church as a whole. To this end we direct that the Home Mission Board shall seek at once to establish a satisfactory working agreement with the corresponding Boards and Committees of the several Yearly Meetings, by which an intelligent and carefully thought out system of Church extension and home mission activity, including the development of practical evangelistic endeavors may be planned and executed as the needs of the field demand. Authority is given to the Home Mission Board to employ one or more secretaries as soon as circumstances will permit, who shall have the responsibility of furthering the work of the Board, under its direction, throughout the entire field of its jurisdiction. The Executive Committee, acting in co-operation with the Board, is directed to plan for such contributions or appropriations as will enable the Board to prosecute its work.

232. A partial report of the Committee on Organization was read and approved, as printed in the Directory.

233. The Committee on Organization offered the following resolution which was approved:

Resolved, That the meeting directs that it be stated in the program of the next Five Years Meeting that the Chairman introducing reports be allowed fifteen minutes in presenting their reports, and that all other speakers be limited to five minutes, except those who are announced in the program as deliverers of formal addresses.

It is directed that all reports be printed at least two weeks before the convening of the Five Years Meeting, and copies be mailed to each delegate.

234. W. Blair Neatby, of London Yearly Meeting, urged that the various Yearly Meetings send delegates to the "Conference of all Friends After the War," called by London Yearly Meeting. He rehearsed some of the great questions that will engage the attention of those who are present on that occasion.

235. Rufus M. Jones proposed that the Five Years Meeting pass a motion of endorsement, approval, and thanksgiving that this Conference is to be held. This motion was approved.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following report, which was approved:

236. We recommend that the following cable message be sent to the American Friends' Unit in France:

October 23, 1917.

To the American Friends' Unit in France,
Hotel Brittanique, 20 Avenue, Victoria, Paris.
Joy, sympathy, love, prayers.

Five Years Meeting,
PRETLOW, *Clerk.*

237. We recommend that the following communication be sent to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting:

Richmond, Indiana,
Tenth Mo. 22, 1917.

*To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends:*

Your minute on the subject of your relations to the Five Years Meeting has been read in our sessions and we deeply appreciate the spirit of love which pervades its sentences. We gratefully acknowledge the acceptable presence of a large number of your members in our sessions and feel that their help and counsel here and the work we have been jointly doing in the American Friends' Service Committee and the long line of helpful contributions which Philadelphia has made to Quakerism in

America constitute bonds that unite us together in a very real way. We are more than ever desirous of having your continuous aid and counsel in the tasks which lie before us in the coming work of social reconstruction and the carrying of the Friendly message to the world. To this end we renew our invitation that you join in the Sisterhood of Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting or that you send fraternal delegates to help us in our work. Should the way open for you to join us within the coming five year period our Executive Committee is instructed to arrange for your representation on all our Boards and Committees.

Signed on behalf of the Five Years Meeting.

ROBERT E. PRETLOW, *Presiding Clerk.*

238. Thomas K. Brown, on behalf of the Friends present from Philadelphia, expressed pleasure at the opportunity of attending the Five Years Meeting, and appreciation of the privileges extended.

239. The Committee on Arrangements recommend that the following letter be sent to Ohio Yearly Meeting:

Richmond, Indiana,
Tenth Mo. 22, 1917.

*To Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends:*

We have had brought to us the report of your action on our invitation to join with us in the Five Years Meeting. While we regret that it has not seemed advisable to you to combine our interests at this time, the presence of a number of your members in our sessions who have been accorded the privileges of the floor has been an appreciated evidence of your interest in us.

We feel more than ever desirous of having your continuous aid and counsel in the tasks which lie before us in carrying the Friendly message to the world.

To this end we renew our invitation that you join in the Sisterhood of Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting or that you send fraternal delegates to help us in our work.

Should the way open for you to join us within the ensuing five year period, our Executive Committee is instructed to arrange for your representation on all our Boards and Committees.

Signed on behalf of the Five Years Meeting.

ROBERT E. PRETLOW, *Presiding Clerk.*

240. The Friends attending the meeting from Ohio Yearly Meeting presented the following message of appreciation:

We, the members present from Ohio Yearly Meeting, wish to express our pleasure in attending the Five Years Meeting, as well as our sincere appreciation of the courtesies extended to us during its session.

On behalf of Ohio Friends,
EDGAR A. WOLLAM
ANNIE A. MENDENHALL
NELLIE S. WATERBURY

241. The Committee on Arrangements made the following recommendation, which was approved, that the following telegram be sent to the California Christian Endeavor Societies who sent communications to the Five Years Meeting:

*To the California Christian Endeavor Societies:*

Your telegram was received in our sessions, and the American Friends' Service Committee is pressing this matter on our behalf; and we have referred your telegram to them as a further inspiration to them as it has been to us in this service.

October 22, 1917.

242. The Committee on Arrangements recommended that the following communication be sent to Job S. Gidley, in answer to his letter to the Five Years Meeting. It was so ordered:

Richmond, Indiana, Tenth Mo. 22, 1917.

Job S. Gidley,
North Dartmouth, Mass.

Dear Friend: Thy loving communication was read in our morning session on Fourth Day last, and was much appreciated.

We are grateful for thy thought of us and are glad to have had with us in our sessions, members of your Yearly Meeting in New England.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,
ROBERT E. PRETLOW, *Presiding Clerk.*

243. The Committee on Arrangements recommended that the following message be sent to the Quaker Club at Hartford Theological Seminary. This recommendation was approved:

Richmond, Indiana, Tenth Mo. 22, 1917.
To the Quaker Club of Hartford,
Hartford, Conn.

Elden H. Mills: Your message was read this morning in our session and was received with real pleasure by our body. We have had many messages from the Young Standard Bearers of Quakerism in the various fields of thought and work and they have given us a feeling of the strength which lies in the forces of Quakerism, which we have been chosen to represent.

We thank you for your message and pray that all our powers may be blessed of God in the Master's service.

Signed on behalf of the Five Years Meeting,
ROBERT E. PRETLOW, *Presiding Clerk.*

244. The American Friends' Service Committee submitted the following, which was approved:

The American Friends' Servce Committee has considered the telegram referred to it from various Christian Endeavor Societies in California, asking the Five Years Meeting to request President Wilson to recognize the Reconstruction Unit as non-combatant service. The Committee asks your approval of the following communication to the War Department, to be submitted on proper occasion:

"Since the principles of the Society of Friends require that the non-combatant service for which they are liable under the Selective Service Law be a service that is not a corporate part of

the military organization, we respectfully ask that Friends exempted from combatant service be allowed to serve in the American Friends Reconstruction Unit, or in some other service under the American Friends' Service Committee."

245. Edwin McGrew read the following communication from John Henry Douglas, and was commissioned to carry to our friend a message of love and appreciation:

Whittier, Calif., Tenth Mo. 17, 1917.

H. E. McGrew,

Dear Friend: May I charge thee with a message to the Five Years Meeting? It is a greeting in Jesus' dear name and a message of love. I have had sixty-five years in Gospel service and the words will soon come—"It is enough." My hope is built on Jesus' blood and righteousness. I have loved Him during a long life and served Him with gladness. May the Lord bless the meeting. Let His presence and power be felt. May the meeting go to its alloted work as never before. This old world needs salvation. The Gospel is the means to that end.

In tender love to all,

JOHN HENRY DOUGLAS.

246. The minutes of the session were read and approved.

247. Robert W. Douglas, whose presence was in itself a benediction, closed the meeting with prayer.

## SECOND DAY EVENING, TENTH MO. 22D.

248. The Meeting convened, according to adjournment, and entered into a season of devotion.

249. Charles Sisson, of New England Yearly Meeting, made the following motion, which was approved:

That our Boards be authorized to add to their numbers as fraternal members, Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

The Business Committee made the following recommendations, which were approved:

250. That six copies be ordered of the stenographic reports.

251. That 10,000 copies of the "Message of the Five Years Meeting" be printed.

252. That 5,000 copies of the Minutes be printed, and that the decision of the questions as to the proper binding of the Minutes and as to their distribution be left to the Central Office.

253. The Business Committee also made the following recommendations, which were approved:

That each Monthly Meeting, under the direction of the Yearly Meeting Service Committee and the American Friends' Service Committee, form a local Service Committee; that these local Committees assume responsibility for all the interests of the emergency in their communities including an every member canvas for monthly pledges; that local committees send all requests for information and other correspondence to the American Friends' Service Committee at Philadelphia; that each local Service Committee Treasurer remit funds directly to the national office at 20 S. Twelfth St., Philadelphia, except in cases where some other arrangement is advised by the American Friends' Service Committee and the Yearly Meeting Service Committees.

It is also recommended that chairmen of the Yearly Meeting Service Committees shall be *ex-officio* members of the Central Service Committee.

254. A motion made by S. Edgar Nicholson and amended by L. Hollingsworth Wood was approved:

That the Chairman of the Friends' Service Committee of the Five Years Meeting become a member of the Executive Committee, and that the Committee on Organization be authorized to nominate as members of the Executive Committee two members from the meeting at large.

255. S. Edgar Nicholson presented the following report of the Board on Legislation and Temperance, which was approved:

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON LEGISLATION AND TEMPERANCE.

*To the Five Years Meeting:*

While the Board has felt handicapped somewhat because of reasons hereinafter set forth, it has been fairly active at times throughout the past five years.

The last quinquennial body referred to this Board a somewhat illy defined concern about the growing commercial use of the Quaker name. This was supplemented by an appeal which came from interested Friends in New York Yearly Meeting. An appeal to the Executive Committee for instructions and advice was answered by the direction of the question back into the hands of this Board. Early within the quinquennial period we tried the experiment of asking various state legislatures, notably New York, Nebraska, Kansas and California, to follow the example of the Indiana Legislature in the passage of laws prohibiting the use of the Quaker name in a commercial way, but we met with only indifferent success, the Nebraska House of Representatives being the only body to pass favorably upon the proposition.

By a further study of the question, it was easy to see that on account of the protection granted to articles in inter-state commerce we could not secure adequate relief against the commercial use of the Quaker title except by Congressional action, unless every State Legislature should take favorable action upon the legislation that would be needed, and even then State action could only affect State-made goods when sold within the State, it being equally clear that States could have no jurisdiction upon inter-state traffic without Congressional expression to that effect.

Consequently the Board had two bills prepared with great care and introduced into both Houses of two Congresses, one being designed to amend the trade mark law by making it unlawful hereafter to register a trade mark for articles of commerce in the name of a denomination or religious body or the name by which it is commonly called, and the other prohibiting inter-state commerce in all articles bearing the name of a denomination or religious body or the name by which it is commonly called.

Hearings were had before the various committees having these bills in charge and there we met the active opposition of the attorneys of the Quaker Oats Corporation and a Quaker Lace firm of Philadelphia. While privately many members of Committees and of Congress admit freely that the Society of Friends is entitled to the relief sought, we have been unable thus far to secure favorable reports from the committees. It appears to be a question of conscience against commercial greed and thus far commercialism is triumphant.

While to some this may seem a trivial matter, it seems clear to the Board, since it is impossible for Friends to repudiate the name "Quaker," that to the extent the term is used by Friends or others, its religious significance should be legally guaranteed, and not degraded with the stamp of commercialism upon every hand. It has come to pass already that there are persons who believe that Friends themselves are capitalizing the Quaker name for their own personal financial profit, and it would not be surprising if we could find many, upon hearing mention of the name "Quaker," who are in doubt whether it has reference to a body of Christian believers or to "Quaker Whiskey," "Quaker Beer," "Quaker Cigarettes," "Quaker Onions," "Quaker Lace," "Quaker Ranges," "Quaker Oats," or some one of a growing and almost interminable list of other so-called "Quaker" articles now upon the market throughout the world.

It is for the Five Years Meeting to say whether or not further effort shall be made by this Board to get relief from this humiliating outrage upon a religious name consecrated by the sufferings of the past.

The Board has endeavored to make some contribution to the growing prohibition interest throughout the Nation. During the five years the members have participated in the state-wide and local campaigns in their respective commonwealths, some of

them being quite active in this direction, and have, by telegrams and letters, joined with other prohibition forces in pressing for advanced legislaton on the question at Washington. It has not seemed possible for the Board as such to do anything in a large way in this direction, and it has been quite out of the question and apparently quite useless to attempt any separate or independent campaign. The Chairman was appointed a member of the temperance commission of the Federal Council of Churches, and through this channel, through the W. C. T. U., the Anti-Saloon League, the Prohibition Party, and other prohibition movements, we have kept in touch with the rapid march of the times toward saloon annihilation throughout the country.

The adoption by the National Senate of a resolution proposing a prohibition amendment to the Federal constitution, and the probable vote thereon by the House of Representatives in December has lifted this question into the front rank of national issues. The coming quinquennial period therefore promises to be an unparalleled opportunity for the prohibition forces everywhere to push the cause toward a speedy and final victory. As in the past so now Friends everywhere should be in the very forefront of this endeavor to banish the liquor traffic from our entire nation and this Board should have the earnest support of the entire body of Friends in the contribution it makes to this end.

The Board has felt itself handicapped because of the almost utter lack of co-ordination of the work of the Yearly Meeting Committees on Prohibition with this Five Years Meeting Board. This co-ordination plainly is impossible unless the Yearly Meeting Committees can be made to feel the importance of it, but this Board should be ready at all times to co-operate in Yearly Meeting work to the extent of its powers and ability. In no other way, as it seems to us, except by a plan of constructive co-ordination, can the Society of Friends included in the Five Years Meeting become a vital working, effective organism, doing its full share in the best way in behalf of the national prohibition of the liquor traffic. We feel that the Five Years Meeting should approach the Yearly Meetings in behalf of such a solution of this question as will insure the solidarity of all Friends' movements for prohibition and thus contribute more largely toward the final victory than can otherwise be done.

The Board has been in doubt somewhat as to the extent of its jurisdiction over certain matters involving legislation, and would ask the Five Years Meeting to define more concretely the scope of its work. For instance, when the army reorganization bill was before Congress, the Board was in doubt whether or not it should proceed on behalf of the Five Years Meeting to endeavor to secure exemption provisions in accordance with the well established principles of Friends, or whether this should be left for the action of the Peace Association of Friends. When such responsibility rests with this Board should it act upon its own initiative or await the direction, either of the Peace Association or the Executive Committee or both, as to policies?

To speak more broadly, is the Legislative Board responsible for action upon any and every subject involving legislation in which the Friends of the Five Years Meeting as a corporate body are interested, and to what extent is this Board responsible in determining policies and initiating action thereon? A decision of the Five Years Meeting upon this question will be extremely helpful to the Board in the future.

We are united in asking that the name of this Board be changed to the 'Board on Legislation and the Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic."

Cordially submitted on behalf of the Board on Legislation and Temperance.

S. Edgar Nicholson, *Chairman.*

Richmond, Indiana, October 4, 1917.

256. The following resolution was adopted:

That the Five Years Meeting endorse the movement for the nation-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic by constitutional amendment, believing that the demands of a Christian civilization are imperative in this direction. We call upon our membership as a whole to lend these endeavors their whole-hearted support by their voice and vote as opportunity affords.

257. The motion of Mary Sibbitt, of Kansas Yearly Meeting, prevailed, that the Committee on Legislation

continue its endeavors to bring about legislation prohibiting the use of the Quaker name in a commercial way.

258. The report of the Board on Federation of Churches was made by Charles E. Tebbetts, and was approved. The report was as follows:

## REPORT OF THE BOARD ON FEDERATION OF CHURCHES.

*To the Five Years Meeting*:

The Board on Federation of Churches report that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is steadily enlarging its operations and is increasing in efficiency. Its constituent bodies number thirty of the American Churches with a constituency of over thirty million. The organization of the national body and its local sub-divisions has been steadily strengthened.

Three members of the Board attended the Quadrennial Meeting of the Council held at Chicago in 1912. The two women of the delegation were the first and only women who have been listed among the delegates. They were given a cordial welcome and took their places on various commissions. James Wood has attended all meetings of the Executive Committee held in New York City.

Charles E. Tebbetts, besides attending the Chicago meeting, has also attended meetings of the Executive Committee at New York, Richmond, Virginia, and Columbus, Ohio. At the last meeting, a three-day meeting of the Commission on the Rural Church was held with six or eight hundred delegates from all parts of the country, President Wilson delivering the closing address. The report of this meeting is probably the most thorough discussion of rural church conditions ever made. Its cost is $1.00.

Morton C. Pearson and Charles E. Tebbetts, two members of the Board, attended the four-day sessions of the Commission on Co-operative Work held in Pittsburgh early in this month. The report of this meeting will soon be issued at a cost of fifty cents, and will be of great value to all who wish to keep in touch with the most advanced methods of church activity.

Morton C. Pearson also attended the quadrennial sessions of the Council, held at St. Louis last December. He is now regarded as one of the foremost leaders in the matter of City Federation and City Evangelism.

We give below a statement of its achievements during the period since the last Five Years Meeting.

The Third Quadrennial Meeting was held in St. Louis in December, 1916. The meeting was attended by duly elected members from all the constituent bodies.

The national offices in New York maintain a staff of about forty persons engaged in its united work.

At the office in Washington, D. C., the work includes such matters as the care of chaplains in the army and navy and the development of religious welfare in the army and navy, the religious census and special work in the interests of the Colored churches.

The Commission on Church and Country Life is making state surveys.

The Commission on Evangelism is endeavoring to unite the evangelistic committees of the various denominations and make more effective pastoral evangelism.

The Commission on Church and Social Service is co-ordinating the social service agencies of the denominations and prosecuting a campaign for the conservation of human life. It has also undertaken the interest of the moral and spiritual welfare of the army and navy and humanitarian work of the American Red Cross.

The Commission on International Justice and Good-will is keeping up fellowship with the churches abroad.

The Commission on Relations with the Orient is furthering good-will in the Far East.

The Commission on Christian Education co-operates with the Sunday School Boards and Boards of Education.

The Historic National Temperance Society has joined forces with the Commission on Temperance.

The General Secretary has secured financial assistance for the strickened churches and missions in Europe and Asia, more especially for the Belgian Missions and the Huguenot churches in France.

The Quadrennial Reports have been prepared in six interesting volumes and extensively circulated.

The Quadrennial Meeting of December, 1916, authorized several new movements and the Administrative Committee immediately provided for them.

In the main they now center about the war, and in May a special meeting of the full Council was called at Washington, which issued a message to the churches setting forth work which needed to be done in connection with the army and navy; the suppression of the liquor traffic; the control of the social evil; relief work; child welfare; the preservation of industrial standards and other situations brought about by the war.

Later on, the Administrative Committee authorized the President of the Council to appoint a General War Commission which has been done, with Robert E. Speer as the Chairman and Rev. William Adams Brown as the Executive Secretary.

The work of the Commission includes such matters as:

The importance of general leadership on the part of the church;

The work of war relief in connection with the Red Cross and other bodies;

The selection and training of chaplains;

The distribution of religious literature;

The services of out side preachers in connection with the camps;

The moral and religious conditions in communities surrounding the camps;

The provision of voluntary chaplains for the reserve officers' training camps, and other religious work in connection with such camps;

The temperance movements;

The relations between the home churches and the men at the front;

The care of the families of enlisted men upon the part of the churches:

The maintenance of the work of charitable organizations;

The preservation of industrial standards;

The preparation of war manuals and similar literature for pastors and church workers;

The consideration of interned aliens;
Preparation for the work of reconstruction after the war;
The appointment of missioners to go abroad with the troops;
And other similar work.

This Commission is fully organized and now has its work well under way in co-operation with such bodies as the Young Men's Christian Association, the Young Women's Christian Association and the American Bible Society.

A handbook for the churches has been issued entitled "The Churches of Christ in Time of War."

The Washington office of the Council has developed out of the needs of the war work and now carries a suitable staff of workers, providing for the selection and appointment of chaplains for the army and navy and in many other ways co-operating in national service.

We recommend that the Five Years Meeting shall continue its participation in the work of the Council and appoint a Board for this service.

JAMES WOOD
CHARLOTTE E. VICKERS
MARY MIARS HAROLD
MORTON C. PEARSON
CHAS. E. TEBBETTS

259. The Committee on Organization nominated Mary Mills, Harlow Lindley and E. Harrison Scott to serve as members of the Printing Committee, and E. Gurney Hill and Mary Mendenhall Hobbs as members-at-large of the Executive Committee. The nominations were approved.

260. The Committee on Arrangements presented the following letters to be sent to Japan Yearly Meeting. This was approved by the meeting:

Richmond, Indiana, Tenth Month 22, 1917.

*To Japan Yearly Meeting*:

Your letter of greeting to us, with its word of the new Yearly Meeting, which we are happy to welcome into our Sis-

terhood, was read in our session. We welcome both the letter and the Friends whose names it bore to us.

We have enjoyed the presence and counsel of these Friends and hope that in due time we may come into closer relations in all our work for social reconstruction and the carrying of our Friendly message to the world.

We rejoice in this opportunity to greet you in the fellowship of the Spirit and to hail from your country of the rising sun the messengers of good will in the name of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Signed on behalf of the Five Years Meeting,
ROBERT E. PRETLOW, *Presiding Clerk.*

261. Mansaku Nakamura, a delegate from Japan Yearly Meeting, with Gilbert Bowles acting as interpreter, brought a message straight from his homeland. He told of the appreciation Japanese Friends have of our beliefs, especially in regard to the spirituality of worship, and the efficacy of peace.

262. James Wood, President of the American Bible Society presented the necessity of putting Bibles into the hands of young men who are in the army and navy. He asked for our support in carrying on this work.

263. The motion of Charles E. Tebbetts was approved that we recommend that in all the Churches and Bible Schools of the Five Years Meeting, a contribution be taken every year for the American Bible Society.

264. The motion was made and approved that a vote of thanks be tendered Esther Griffin White for her excellent reports of the Five Years Meeting published in *The Item.*

265. Appreciation was also expressed of the arrangements made for the comfort of the delegates and visitors by the local Committee on Arrangements.

266. The meeting heartily concurred in the sentiment expressed by L. Hollingsworth Wood, that we appreciate the fact that during the Five Years Meeting, our government, although cognizant of our peace principles, has in no way interferred with our freedom of speech and action. Thanks are also due to the citizens of Richmond for their kind hospitality.

267. L. Hollingsworth Wood expressed a desire that our next Five Years Meeting be held at Earlham College.

268. In order that the Committee on Arrangements might have authority to make such change if it deemed best, he made the following motion, which was approved:

That Chapter XI, Paragraph 2, of the Uniform Discipline concerning provisions as to the Five Years Meeting be changed to read:

The Five Years Meeting shall be opened by the Clerk of the last meeting at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., on a Third Day of the Ninth or Tenth Month at a place to be designated by its own adjournment or by its Committee on Arrangements, and he shall occupy his position until his successor is appointed. In the event of the absence of the Clerk, the First Assistant Clerk shall perform his service. If both are absent or if neither is a delegate, the Chairman of one of the Yearly Meeting delegations shall act as temporary clerk.

269. Charles E. Tebbetts made the recommendation, which was approved, that the delegations be requested to organize immediately with the view of carrying to the members at home the message of the meeting.

270. The proposition of S. Edgar Nicholson was approved that the delegations retain their organizations

throughout the period of five years, and that they meet once a year to confer on matters of interest to the Five Years Meeting.

271. Stephen M. Hadley gave as our watchword for the coming five years, Exodus 14: 15, "And Jehovah said unto Moses, speak unto the children of Isreal, that they go forward."

272. Appreciation was expressed that London Yearly Meeting sent delegates to our Five Years Meeting who faced the dangers of ocean travel to be with us. The Clerk was authorized to write to English Friends a letter telling them of our feeling in this matter.

273. Ross A. Hadley read a letter from Milo S. Hinckle, portraying th disaster brought by the storm in Jamaica. Damage to mission property will amount to about $10,000. The Missionary Board desired that Friends pray that the Board may be able to meet this situation in the best way.

274. William J. Sayers expressed his appreciation of the work of the Clerks. The meeting endorsed this expression.

275. The minutes of the session were read and approved.

276. The meeting settled into a season of silent devotion.

277. The closing minute was read as follows:

Under a sense of our Father's presence, and with the prayer that He may give us power to do the work for Him that we have planned, we adjourn to meet in Richmond, Indiana, in 1922.

ROBERT E. PRETLOW,
*Presiding Clerk.*

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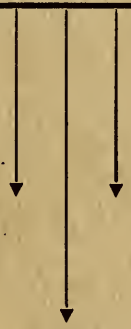

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THIRD DAY, NINTH MONTH FIFTH, 1922
8 P. M.

1. The Five Years Meeting of the Friends in America convened in Richmond, Indiana, Third-day, Ninth month fifth, 1922, at 8 P. M.

The meeting settled into a season of devotion.

2. The roll was called of the delegates and alternates to the Five Years Meeting from the various Yearly Meetings. In several cases of unavoidable absence substitutions were made. The amended list is as follows:

CANADA YEARLY MEETING

Albert S. Rogers, *Chairman,* Room 408, 56 Church St., Toronto, Ontario.
William P. Firth, Go Home, Ontario, Canada.
Arthur G. Dorland, Western Univ., London, Ontario.
Nellie M. Dorland, Western Univ., London, Ontario.
Phebe J. Wright, 113 Maitland St., Toronto, Ontario.
Ella R. Firth, Go Home Bay, Ontario.

NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

Walter S. Meader, *Chairman,* Sixth St., Dover, N. H.
Rufus M. Jones, Haverford, Pa.
Wilbur K. Thomas, 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Tom A. Sykes, 108 Coyle St., Woodfords, Maine.
Mary S. Paige, 50 Chatham St., Lynn, Mass.
Lindley M. Binford, 1415 Forest Ave., Woodfords, Me.
Moses Bailey, 221 Forest Ave., Portland, Me.
Clara W. Mumford, R. F. D. 21, Winthrop, Me.
Harvey Jones, East Parsonfield, Me.

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NEW YORK YEARLY MEETING

James Wood, *Chairman,* Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
William J. Reagan, Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
John I. Lane, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Elizabeth L. Hazard, Union Springs, N. Y.
Errol D. Peckham, 150 Montgomery St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Carolena M. Wood, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.
Abram S. Underhill, Ossining, N. Y.
Ruth E. Craig, c/o Oakwood School, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
Lyman G. Cosand, Collins, N. Y.

BALTIMORE YEARLY MEETING

Margaret T. Carey, *Chairman,* 1004 Cathedral St., Baltimore.
John R. Cary, 205 Morris Building, Baltimore.
Elbert Russell, Swarthmore, Pa.
Lindley D. Clark, 1124 Park Road, Washington, D. C.
Elizabeth H. Wilson, Purcellville, Va.
Alonzo E. Cloud, Ivor, Va.

NORTH CAROLINA YEARLY MEETING

Lewis McFarland, *Chairman,* High Point, N. C.
Absalom Knight, Belvidere, N. C.
Edward Harris, R. R. 4, Siler City, N. C.
Joseph Price, High Falls, N. C.
Joseph D. Cox, High Point, N. C.
D. Virgil Pike, R. F. D. 1, Dunn, N. C.
D. Adolphus Robertson, Galax, Va.
Sinclair Williams, Concord, N. C.
L. Lyndon Hobbs, Guilford College, N. C.
Clara I. Cox, High Point, N. C., 211 N. Green St.
Nathan D. Andrews, Greensboro, N. C.

Milford Edgerton, Goldsboro, N. C.
Ada Blair, High Point, N. C.
John Permar, Graham, N. C.

WILMINGTON YEARLY MEETING

J. Edwin Jay, *Chairman,* Wilmington, Ohio.
W. Rufus Kersey, Oregonia, Ohio.
David B. Hunt, Martinsville, Ohio.
C. Clayton Terrell, New Vienna, Ohio.
Howard McKay, Oregonia, Ohio.
C. Grant Fairley, Wilmington, Ohio.
J. Edward Ransome, Belltown, Tenn.
Earle J. Harold, Wilmington, Ohio.
E. Everett Terrell, Wilmington, Ohio.
Richard C. Greene, Wilmington, Ohio.
Murray S. Kenworthy, 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING

S. Edgar Nicholson, *Chairman,* Washington, D. C.
Robert E. Pretlow, Seattle, Wash.
Timothy Nicholson, Richmond, Ind.
David M. Edwards, Richmond, Ind.
Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Ind.
Wilson Gilbert, Straughn, Ind.
Edith E. Wildman, Selma, Ohio.
Charles E. Carey, Fairmount, Ind.
R. Aaron Napier, New Castle, Ind.
Elias Bundy, Marion, Ind.
Esther Cook, Fountain City, Ind.
Milo E. Ratliff, Cassopolis, Mich.
Fred Bouse, Alexandria, Ind.
Emma T. Pretlow, Seattle, Wash.
William O. Barnard, New Castle, Ind.

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Chester L. Reagan, Spiceland, Ind.
Francis Runnion, R. F. D., Van Wert, Ohio.
Fred E. Smith, Amboy, Ind.
Jesse Henley, Carthage, Ind.
John H. Johnson, Richmond, Ind.
Charles M. Woodman, Richmond, Ind.
John W. Carter, Lynn, Ind.
William J. Sayers, Muncie, Ind.

WESTERN YEARLY MEETING*

Willard O. Trueblood, *Chairman,* 569 M. D. Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, Ind.
Lenora N. Hobbs, Bloomingdale, Ind.
Enos Harvey, Noblesville, Ind.
Thomas Elwood Beals, Cicero, Ind.
Frank V. Stafford, Sheridan, Ind.
William S. Kitch, Vermilion Grove, Ill.
Henry A. Craig, Thorntown, Ind.
Ruth W. Newsom, Elizabethtown, Ind.
Lewis E. Stout, Kokomo, Ind.
Wilbur H. Kellum, Camby, Ind.
Mary Miars Harold, Danville, Ind.
Herman Newman, 10414 Prospect Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Elwood C. Perisho, Carmel, Ind.
Albert L. Copeland, Paoli, Ind.
Herbert L. Huffman, Plainfield, Ind.
Lena Henley, Monrovia, Indiana.
Ella M. Barrett, 4250 N. Ill. St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Homer J. Coppock, 6109 Woodlawn, Chicago, Ill.
Aubrey DeLon, Kokomo, Indiana.

*The names here given record all who at any time in any of the sessions acted as delegates. At no one time were more than nineteen seated as delegates.

J. J. Baldwin, Westfield, Ind.
Mary E. O. White, Amo, Indiana.

IOWA YEARLY MEETING

Stephen M. Hadley, *Chairman,* 644 N. B St., Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Chas. O. Whitely, 420 College Hill Ave., Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Henry Edwin McGrew, Penn College, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Howard W. Cope, Marshalltown, Iowa.
Edgar H. Stranahan, 652 N. C St., Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Ellison R. Purdy, 2440 Stephens Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
Alvin Hoskins, Earlham, Iowa, R. F. D.
Alfred J. Hanson, Sully, Iowa.
Louis T. Hill, West Branch, Iowa.
Anna M. Farr, 1750 Capitol Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.
Clayton V. Stanley, 303-305 Masonic Temple, Des Moines, Iowa.
Carrie A. Butler, Marshalltown, Iowa, R. F. D.
Bessie Collins, Weldon, Iowa.

KANSAS YEARLY MEETING

Wm. O. Mendenhall, *Chairman,* Friends Univ., Wichita, Kansas.
George C. Wise, 2836 Indiana Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
Edmund Stanley, 1813 Univ. Ave., Wichita, Kansas.
Lillian Hadley, 1724 Univ. Ave., Wichita, Kansas.
Sadie N. Pickett, Independence, Kansas.
Abigail Haworth, Miami, Oklahoma.
Retta Woodward, Haviland, Kansas.
Richard R. Newby, 1205 Univ. Ave., Wichita, Kansas.
Gervas A. Carey, 520 S. Glenn St., Wichita, Kansas.
Carl D. Byrd, Gate, Oklahoma.

M. F. Swafford, Liberal, Kansas.
Amelia R. Lindley, Shawnee, Oklahoma.
Arthur Chilson, 101 S. 8th St., Richmond, Ind.
Homer G. Biddlecum, 615 6th Ave., Emporia, Kansas.
Francis A. Wright, 3219 E. 29th St., Kansas City, Mo.
W. A. Woodward, Haviland, Kansas.

NEBRASKA YEARLY MEETING

Ora W. Carrell, *Chairman,* Central City, Neb.
Charles Replogle, Central City, Neb.
James Stephen, Central City, Neb.
Ellis A. Wells, Waterbury, Neb.
May Replogle, Central City, Neb.
Raymond S. Holding, Central City, Neb.
Guy W. Solt, Central City, Neb.

OREGON YEARLY MEETING

L. Clarkson Hinshaw, *Chairman,* Newberg, Oregon.
Levi T. Pennington, Newberg, Oregon.
*Chester A. Hadley, 229 E. 35 St., Portland, Oregon.
Lindley A. Wells, Greenleaf, Idaho.
Carl F. Miller, Springbrook, Oregon.
Frederick J. Cope, 6332—89 St., S. E., Portland, Oregon.
Edgar P. Sims, Scotts Mills, Oregon.
Calvin R. Choate, Entiat, Wash.
H. Elmer Pemberton, Salem, Oregon.

CALIFORNIA YEARLY MEETING

Frank W. Dell, *Chairman,* 125 N. Painter Ave., Whittier, Calif.
Harry R. Keates, 757 Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
Harley M. Moore, Denair, Calif.

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*Excused from service before the meeting adjourned and vacancy filled by H. Elmer Pemberton.

Mabel S. Roberts, 538 E. Bailey St., Whittier, Calif.
Levi Gregory, 832—54 St., Oakland, Calif.
Andrew F. Mitchell, Lindsay, Calif.
Tilman Hobson, 312 Cypress Ave., Pasadena, Calif.
R. Esther Smith, Long Beach, Calif.
George Taylor, 211 E. Hadley St., Whittier, Calif.
Harry N. Wright, 533 Earlham Drive, Whittier, Calif.

3. The following fraternal delegates were present from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and from London and Dublin Yearly Meetings. These friends were warmly welcomed and were given entire liberty of discussion and counsel.

PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING

George M. Warner, 462 Bourse Building, Philadelphia, Pa.
Thomas K. Brown, Back Log Camp, Indian Lake, N. Y.
William B. Harvey, 304 Arch St., Philadlephia.
Alfred C. Garrett, Logan Post Office, Philadelphia.
Rayner W. Kelsey, Haverford, Pa.
J. Passmore Elkinton, 121 S. Third St., Philadelphia.
Frances Tatum Rhoads, 2500 Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del.
Emma Cadbury, Jr., 254 E. Main St., Moorestown, N. J.
Mary J. Moon, Morrisville, Pa.

LONDON YEARLY MEETING

M. Catharine Albright, Finstall Farm, Bromsgrove, England.
John H. Barlow, Sunnybrae, Griffin's Hill, Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Mabel C. Barlow, Sunnybrae, Griffin's Hill, Selly Oak. Birmingham.

Barrow Cadbury, 64 Wheeleys Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Geraldine S. Cadbury, 64 Wheeleys Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Dorothy Cadbury, 64 Wheeleys Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Geraldine Mary Cadbury, 64 Wheeleys Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Herbert Corder, 1 Carlton Terrace, Sunderland.

J. Rowntree Gillett, 5 Downshire Hill, Hampstead, N. W.

Henry T. Gillett, 8. Charlbury Road, Oxford.

T. Edmund Harvey, 12 Clarendon Road, Leeds.

DUBLIN YEARLY MEETING

Henrietta Bulla, 87 Wellesley Ave., Belfast, Ireland.

Charles B. Lamb, Sandymount, Richhill, Co. Armagh, Ireland.

Charlotte G. Lamb, Sandymount, Richhill, Co. Armagh, Ireland.

Joseph T. Wigham, M. D., 29 Up. Fitzwilliam St., Dublin, Ireland.

4. The question as to the status of fraternal delegates present without certification by body invited to send such was referred to the Business Committee.

5. A message from Ohio Yearly Meeting stated that it did not, at this time, see its way clear to accept our invitation to send fraternal delegates to the Five Years Meeting.

6. The Presiding Clerk called attention to the valuable service rendered the Five Years Meeting by two beloved and honored members of the Society of Friends

—James Wood and Timothy Nicholson. "Of the eighty-one delegates from nine American Yearly Meetings to the first Conference in 1887 only twelve are still living, and of these only James Wood and Timothy Nicholson are members of the Five Years Meeting of 1922. They are also the only persons who have been members of all the Conferences and of all the sessions of the Five Years Meeting. James Wood was the Presiding Clerk of the first Conference, and of the 1907 session of the Five Years Meeting. He was also Chairman of the large committee which prepared the Uniform Discipline which was accepted by the Five Years Meeting in 1902. Timothy Nicholson was Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements of all the Conferences from 1887 to, and including, the last Conference of 1902, when the Five Years Meeting was organized. He was also Chairman of the Committee on Legislation until 1912."

The Clerk desired that these Friends be invited to sit one at either end of the Clerks' table where their presence might be a benediction and an inspiration. The meeting heartily approving of this suggestion, these Friends took their appointed places.

7. Joseph John Mills, the only former Presiding Clerk of the Five Years Meeting not in attendance, being now kept at home by illness and infirmity, is greatly missed. Timothy Nicholson and James Wood were appointed to frame a message to be sent to him conveying our sympathy and love.

8. The following request from Western Yearly Meeting was referred to the Business Committee:

*To the Five Years Meeting of Friends to be held in Richmond, Indiana, Ninth Month Fourth to the Twelfth, inclusive:*

Western Yearly Meeting requests that the Five Years Meeting appoint a committee to prepare a suitable program for the

celebration of the birth of George Fox. The program to be used by each Quarterly and Yearly Meeting of the Five Years Meeting.

Taken from the minutes of Western Yearly Meeting, held at Plainfield, Indiana, 8th Month 22nd, 1922.

WILLARD O. TRUEBLOOD,
MARY MIARS HAROLD, *Clerks.*

9. The following recommendation of the Literature Committee of Oregon Yearly Meeting and forwarded by the latter to the Five Years Meeting was referred to the Business Committee:

It is becoming a well known fact that much of the literature of the present day, including text books, magazines and general publications, is so permeated with rationalistic, evolutionary and destructive teachings as to be a menace to the faith of this and the coming generation.

We call especial attention to the "Shorter Bible," the principle involved in the making of which strikes heavily at the inspiration of the Holy Scriptures. The aim of the abbreviation as set forth by the author is to reduce the Bible to "Those parts which are of vital interest and practical value to the present age." Such a reduction of Scripture under an editor-in-chief who is a leader in the school of destructive criticism can only be disastrous in its results.

These matters are cause for grave concern. And realizing something of the responsibility resting upon us, we feel that a definite warning from the Friends of America should be given at this time. We, therefore, recommend for the safe-guarding of the faith, especially of our young people:

1. That Oregon Yearly Meeting strongly protest against the use of such publications in our own and public schools and libraries.

2. That an aggressive warfare be waged against this broadcasting of skepticism and infidelity.

3. We express our sympathy with and appreciation of the work of the Fundamentals Conferences in their effort to secure text-books free from evolutionary and rationalistic teaching and give our moral support thereto.

4. Furthermore, that Oregon Yearly Meeting send such a

protest to the Five Years Meeting asking their co-operation in the above recommendation.

10. The following request from the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of Oregon Yearly Meeting and forwarded by that Yearly Meeting to the Five Years Meeting was referred to the Business Committee:

Since the three-fold Declaration of Faith as expressed in: "Belief," as contained in the uniform discipline Part I, Chapter I, Section 3, reprint of discipline for Oregon Yearly Meeting, 1911; "The Declaration of Faith," issued by the Richmond Conference in 1887; and "George Fox's letter to the Governor of Barbadoes," was understood to be the doctrinal basis upon which the Yearly Meetings established the Five Years Meeting in 1902, and inasmuch as a record of that fact does not appear in the Minutes of the Five Years Meeting when the same was organized, and since the minute recording the Five Years Meeting's approval of these documents in 1912, is so worded as to be unsatisfactory to a large number of Friends in the Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting,

Therefore, we are united in the belief that Oregon Yearly Meeting at this time should request the Five Years Meeting to go on record as accepting these related documents as the officially authorized Declaration of Faith of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America; and that ministers, teachers, missionaries, and all persons holding official positions in the Five Years Meeting should hold views in accord with the teachings contained therein.

11. The following suggestion made by Indiana Yearly Meeting was referred to the Business Committee:

*To the Five Years Meeting of Friends:*

Dear Friends: The attention of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends was called to the fact that the supply of record books for keeping the records of Monthly Meetings is exhausted, and it was thought that probably all the Yearly Meetings would be glad to use a uniform system of keeping the records. The Clerk was directed to inform the Five Years Meeting of the situation, with the suggestion that consideration be given to the subject, and if it seems desirable, that a uniform system be adopted

for recommendation to the Yearly Meetings, either in the form of record book or a card system.

Taken from the minutes of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Richmond, Indiana, Eighth Month 8-13, 1922.

S. Edgar Nicholson, *Clerk.*

12. The following request coming from Indiana Yearly Meeting was referred to the Business Committee:

*To the Five Years Meeting of Friends:*

Dear Friends: The following proposition was approved by Indiana Yearly Meeting and directed to be forwarded to the Five Years Meeting for consideration:

UNIFORM FISCAL YEAR

Indiana Yearly Meeting indorses the principle of a uniform fiscal year for the Yearly Meetings and Five Years Meeting, and a communication is directed to be forwarded to the coming session of the Five Years Meeting, asking that steps be taken to bring the larger body and its constituent Yearly Meetings to one and the same fiscal year.

Taken from the Minutes of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Richmond, Indiana, Eighth Month 8-13, 1922.

S. Edgar Nicholson, *Clerk.*

13. A concern originating in the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of Indiana Yearly Meeting and approved by Indiana Yearly Meeting, with reference to sending a message to rulers of the nations, was referred to the Business Committee.

14. The Committee on Organization, consisting of the chairmen of the respective delegations, was announced as follows:

S. Edgar Nicholson, 532 17th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Walter S. Meader, Sixth St., Dover, N. H.

James Wood, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

Margaret T. Carey, 1004 Cathedral St., Baltimore, Md.

J. Edwin Jay, Wilmington, Ohio.

Albert S. Rogers, Room 408, 56 Church St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
Willard O. Trueblood, 569 M. D. Woodruff Pl., Indianapolis, Ind.
Stephen M. Hadley, 644 N. B St., Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Wm. O. Mendenhall, Friends Univ., Wichita, Kansas.
Ora W. Carrell, Nebraska Central College, Central City, Nebraska.
L. Clarkson Hinshaw, Newberg, Oregon.
Frank W. Dell, 125 N. Painter Ave., Whittier, Calif.
Lewis W. McFarland, High Point, N. C.

15. The following Friends were named to constitute the Business Committee:

Rufus M. Jones, Haverford College, Haverford, Pa.
Abram S. Underhill, Ossining, N. Y.
Elbert Russell, Swarthmore, Pa.
Arthur G. Dorland, Western Univ., London, Ontario, Canada.
C. Clayton Terrell, New Vienna, Ohio.
Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Indiana.
Enos Harvey, Noblesville, Indiana.
Edgar H. Stranahan, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
George C. Wise, 2836 Indiana Avenue, Kansas City, Mo.
Ellis A. Wells, Waterbury, Neb.
Lindley A. Wells, Greenleaf, Idaho.
Harry R. Keates, Whittier, Calif., 825 N. Mich. Ave.
L. L. Hobbs, Guilford College, N. C.

16. The Committee on Organization was directed to bring forward at the next session the names of Friends to serve the Meeting as Clerks.

After a period of worship, during which impressive messages were brought by Geo. M. Warner, of Philadelphia, and Rufus M. Jones, of New England, the meet-

ing adjourned to convene on Fourth-day morning, at nine o'clock.

## FOURTH DAY, THE SIXTH
## 9:00 A.M.

The meeting convened at the appointed time, and entered into a season of devotion.

17. The minutes of the preceding session were read and, after alterations, approved.

18. The following recommendation from California Yearly Meeting was read and referred to the Business Committee:—

To the Clerk of the Five Years Meeting to be held Sept. 5 to 12, 1922.

The following is taken from the minutes of California Yearly Meeting of 1921. ALLEN U. TOMLINSON, *Clerk.*

The meeting on Ministry and Oversight recommended that we ask the Five Years Meeting convening in 1922, to amend minute 37, page 49 of the minutes of 1912 by eliminating that portion of said minute, "But they are not to be regarded as constituting a creed."

This recommendation was approved by the Yearly Meeting.

19. New York Yearly Meeting suggested the following addition to the Queries for insertion in the Uniform Discipline. The matter was referred to the Business Committee.

New York Yearly Meeting having in its sessions for two consecutive years considered and approved the following statement as an addition to the Queries is united in forwarding the same to the Five Years Meeting for its consideration for insertion in the Uniform Discipline.

Do you endeavor to maintain your physical health at the point of greatest efficiency, realizing that thereby you will be able to do better work for Christ?

Do you so abide in God's love that your mental attitude to-

ward life is cheerful and serene, gaining divine power to keep you strong for his work?

Taken from the minutes of New York Yearly Meeting.

JAMES WOOD, *Clerk.*

Ninth Month 2nd, 1922.

20. The Committee on Organization presented the following report which was approved, and the persons named were appointed to serve the meeting as recommended:

For Clerk, John R. Cary, of Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

For First Assistant Clerk, Clara I. Cox, of North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

For Second Assistant Clerk, Ella M. Barrett, of Western Yearly Meeting.

Robert E. Pretlow, retiring Clerk, in turning over the gavel to John R. Cary explained that the fragment of wood from which it had been made was brought from the Argonne Forest in France, that it was taken from timber used in the construction of houses for the French people by our A. F. S. C. workers and that a Russian cabinet-maker in Seattle whose parents had been fed by Friends in Russia had turned it into shape, while a piano finisher, the son of a Friends' minister in Tennessee, had done the polishing. This symbol of authority thus represented efficiency and love. The new Clerk, graciously accepting, said that to him it was a symbol of service rather than authority, and in a brief prayer asked that the Holy Spirit might guide in love and confidence.

21. The Committee on Organization suggested the following persons to act as pages, which nominations were approved by the Meeting: Mary M. Coate, Morris Tomlinson, Helen E. Hawkins, Milton Hadley.

22. Timothy Nicholson expressed appreciation for

the valuable services of the retiring Clerks, with which expression the Meeting united.

23. The Business Committee reported organization as follows: Chairman, Rufus M. Jones; Secretary, Edgar H. Stranahan. Baltimore Yearly Meeting delegation informed the meeting that Elbert Russell had been appointed on the Business Committee in the place of John R. Cary who cannot serve in this capacity because of his position as Presiding Clerk.

24. The following report of Edwin G. Crawford, Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting, accompanied by schedules, was read and approved. Appreciation was expressed of the services of the Treasurer, including his illuminating report. The report of the auditor was also read and approved.

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

In preparing my report as Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting for the past five years, I have attempted to be as clear as possible so that the financial situation may be understood by everyone. The figures themselves are contained in eight schedules submitted herewith and headed as follows:

Schedule No. 1, Receipts and Disbursements, Five Years Meeting.

Schedule No. 2, Statement of Appropriations of Boards, etc.

Schedule No. 3, Annual ($10,000) Fund established in 1917.

Schedule No. 4, Balance Sheet, June 30, 1922.

Schedule No. 5, Forward Movement and United Budget, Sustaining Fund.

Schedule No. 6, Recapitulation of Schedules No. 3 and No. 5.

Schedule No. 7, Expenses of Forward Movement and United Budget Campaigns.

Schedule No. 8, Forward Movement and United Budget, College Endowment Fund.

I have prepared the Schedules (other than No. 4) in such a manner as to show the business by years rather than in a lump

for the five years. This will help to show the wonderful growth in the amount of work carried on during the period of the report. As it was impossible to make all the explanation necessary in the schedules, I will take up each schedule in detail.

### Schedule No. 1

This schedule deals with all funds received and expended during the five year period other than the Forward Movement and United Budget. As is probably known, the Finance Committee of the Five Years Meeting prepares a budget each year, appropriating the necessary funds for the administration of the various Boards, Committees, etc., and the Central Office, and to raise this money makes assessments against the thirteen Yearly Meetings on the basis of membership. During the first year the collection of these assessments, and the payment of duly approved expenses of the Boards, etc., constituted about all the work of the Treasurer other than the $10,000 Fund.

The Publication Board pays $1,600.00 of the salary of the General Secretary and the amount received from this source is shown on line 3. All other receipts on the General Fund are self explanatory. On line 10 the total amount received on the $10,000.00 Fund each year is shown, and the distribution is shown on line 45. The amounts shown on lines 11 to 17, inclusive, need no explanation and are shown in the disbursements on lines 46 to 52, inclusive.

During the second year, Oct. 1, 1918 to September 30, 1919, the present Office Buildings were purchased by the Trustees for $6,850, three mortgage notes of $2,283.33 each being given in payment. The funds involved in this are shown in the report as "Central Office Building Fund" and "Central Office Building Sinking Fund." It was necessary to borrow more money in order to make the necessary improvements to the Buildings, which cost during that year over $3,700, making the total cost over $10,500. It was decided, however, to carry the property at $10,000 on the books of the Five Years Meeting, as is shown on line 18 of Resources in Schedule No. 4. A campaign was put on to raise the money needed to pay for the Building, and during this year (1918-1919) and the next one $2,487.00 was collected. After the beginning of the Forward Movement the Building was placed in that budget. The funds received from subscriptions were ap-

plied on the original mortgage, and enough money has been received from the Forward Movement and United Budget to pay off all other indebtedness in connection with the remodeling of the Building. In order to maintain the Building, the Boards having offices there, all pay monthly rents. This may seem as though nothing was saved by the purchase of the Building, but as a matter of fact, the Boards are all now getting offices with heat, light, janitor service, and telephone all furnished for practically the same rent they were paying for office rooms without some of these things just mentioned, and for which they would now have to pay considerably more, to say nothing of the satisfaction of having all offices of the Five Years Meeting in one buiding. And furthermore, just as soon as the mortgage is liquidated, the operation cost will be still less on account of the interest thus saved, as it will be noted that out of the total expenses of $5,538.03 for upkeep during the four years, $1,343.17 was for interest on indebtedness. It will also be noted that over $1,000 was spent for improvements during the year ending Sept. 30, 1921. This was for remodeling the small building on the rear of the lot and now used by the Home Mission and Young Friends Boards. The account named "Central Office Building Sinking Fund" represents the funds received from the United Budget. It was thought best to separate this from the other account as this money is to be used to pay on the notes now outstanding.

Accountant's Salary Fund: When the joint accountant was first employed his salary was paid by the various Boards whose accounts he handled, the money being paid to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting, who in turn paid the accountant. However, it has since been decided by the Central Committee to pay the accountant out of the "Central Office Promotion Account."

Printing Uniform Disciplines: In order to provide uniform disciplines for the various Yearly Meetings and to pay the cost of them, an appropriation was made the first year or two for this purpose, and during the year ending September 30, 1921, copies were printed for Iowa and Western Yearly Meetings, most of the cost being paid by them, the balance by the Five Years Meeting out of the above mentioned appropration.

Deficit Account of Boards: The amount on line 29 repre-

sents the total receipts from the present campaign to liquidate the deficit of certain Boards for the past year.

Emergency and Contingent Fund: The amount shown on line 30 represents the amount due this account from the United Budget for the present year. During the first two years of the Forward Movement and United Budget expenditures along this line were made directly from these funds but at present the share for this purpose is being turned into the Five Years Meeting Treasury and expenditures belonging under this head paid out of this account.

Ceneral Office Promotion Account: This account has taken the place of the Forward Movement and United Budget Expense Account as shown in Schedule No. 7. Up until April 30, 1921, this branch of the work was handled entirely independent of the regular Five Years Meeting account by Jesse O. Parshall, but with the employing of the joint accountant, this work was taken over by him and merged with the Five Years Meeting accounts on October 1, 1921. It will be noted that the amount shown on line 34 is the same as shown on line 25 of Schedule No. 7. The amount shown on line 31 represents the amount received from the United Budget as due on the appropriation for expenses of these campaigns since October 1, 1921.

United Budget Deficit Account: This account is purely arbitrary. It is necessary, however, to make the books balance, and indicates the indebtedness on account of the United Budget.

Fund for Aged Ministers and Missionaries: (See Lines 24 and 62) This account is exactly what its name implies. The fund was started during the year 1919-1920 by a bequest from a Friend, all other receipts being distributions from the Forward Movement and United Budget with accumulated interest. The fund is in charge of a special committee appointed by the Executive Committee, and on whose approval all payments from the fund are made.

In the expenditures I have attempted to be as specific as was reasonably possible. All expenditures are subject to the approval of the duly authorized officers or committees of the Five Years Meeting in charge of the particular case involved.

I might call attention to the amount on line 74, "Deposit in Central Office Rotary Fund." This is not an expenditure, merely representing a deposit made with the Central Office together

with certain Boards, to provide funds necessary to pay expenses requiring immediate payment, and is replenished from time to time by the Boards, etc., for whom the payments were made.

The Treasurer will gladly furnish any other information with regard to Schedule No. 1, or any other one.

### Schedule No. 2

This shows the amount appropriated each year by the Finance Committee for the various Boards, Committees, Central Office, etc., together with the amount actually used. It will be remembered that although the present financial year ends Sept. 30th, the Executive Committee desired that the books be closed as of June 30th this year in order to give ample time to prepare the reports. However, if the closing had been made as usual, that is, all unused appropriations closed to the General Fund, there would have been no funds with which to pay the expenses of the Central Office and the various Boards from June 30th to Sept. 30th.

### Schedule No. 3

This gives the total amount contributed by each of the thirteen Yearly Meetings to the Annual $10,000 Fund established at the last session of the Five Years Meeting in 1917. It also shows the total that each of the six Boards participating in the Fund received during the five years. Although the Executive Committee agreed that the Fund would be abolished after the third year's pledges were paid, only $21,986.48 has been received to date, whereas $30,000 should have been paid.

### Schedule No. 4

This is a balance sheet of the Five Years Meeting accounts as of June 30, 1922. There are several items in this to which I would like to call attention. First, the amount due from Yearly Meetings, $4,489.89, of which $841.89 is on last year's assessments. Certain Yearly Meetings have failed to make the necessary appropriations each year in their budgets to care for the assessment of the Five Years Meeting until the following year which has resulted in them being a year behind. This accounts to some extent for the amount unpaid at this time. In fact the balance due appropriation accounts is less than the amount due from

Yearly Meetings, which means that at this time there is no actual cash on hand with which to make payments out of appropriation account. (Since the report was made up, however, the following Yearly Meetings have remitted: Oregon $150, Iowa $440, Kansas $500, North Carolina $970.14.)

The overdrafts of $665.73 have been or will be taken care of very soon. It will be observed that the cash on hand is not sufficient to cover the "Fund Balances on Hand in Cash" shown on lines 3 to 10 of the Liabilities, but the collection of the above mentioned overdrafts will adjust the difference.

As the result of setting $400.00 aside each year there is now in the Treasury $2,000.00 with which to pay the expenses of the present session of the Five Years Meeting.

## Schedule No. 5

The finances of the Forward Movement which was started in 1919 were kept separately from those of the Five Years Meeting. This was done for two reasons: first, the amount of work involved required additional help; second, it did not seem desirable to mix the two accounts.

The collection of funds was cared for by the Treasurer. All payments to the Sustaining Fund were credited to this fund, a record being kept of all subscriptions designated for any particular Board or Boards. Distributions were made under the direction of the Forward Movement Committee, the distributions being on a percentage basis, after the Publication, Young Friends and Bible School Boards had been paid in full, and part of the loans taken up, as was agreed upon by the Committee. These distributions were made on the first of each month.

The United Budget collections were handled in general the same as the Forward Movement, except that all distributions were on a percentage basis, after some more of the loans had been taken up.

The Schedule shows the receipts each year by Yearly Meetings and the distributions by Boards, etc.

This work has all been brought under the care of the joint accountant.

## Schedule No. 6

This Schedule is self explanatory.

### Schedule No. 7

In order to finance the Forward Movement and United Budget campaigns loans were made by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting to meet the expenses. All items of expenses, whether for travel, salaries, educational campaign, office supplies, or other purposes, were approved by the Director or Associate Director of the Forward Movement and the Chairman of the Forward Movement Committee. This part of the work, handled by Jesse O. Parshall until April 30, 1921, is now incorporated in the Five Years Meeting Accounts under the heading of "Central Office Promotion Account" as has been stated.

### Schedule No. 8

All designated payments of the Educational Endowment Fund were turned over to the particular institution for which designated, and all other funds remitted to J. Edwin Jay, Treasurer of the Board of Education. The Schedule shows the receipts and distributions in detail.

### Summary

In looking at the report as a whole there are some things which are very noticeable. One of the first of these is the wonderful increase of activities during the past five years. Too much credit cannot be given to the Executive Committee and Executive Officers in directing the expansion but with increased activities the business side has also increased. You will note the amount of interest paid by the Five Years Meeting, $3,802.53, to finance the Forward Movement, and United Budget since 1919. However, if the present plan carries through, there will be funds with which to carry on the work as the Budget this past year included an appropriation for the expenses of the campaign this year.

Another matter deserving attention is that although $2,821.38 has been expended for furniture, fixtures and equipment of various kinds, none of this appears in the assets of the Five Years Meeting. If an inventory were made of the fixtures, etc., belonging to the Five Years Meeting, (and the same thing might apply to some of the Boards) and the total valuation (cost of each article less depreciation for the time it has been used as compared with the probable life) written into the assets, and then

depreciation charged off each year, it would spread the cost over several years instead of one year, and would also increase the assets of the Five Years Meeting.

This report does not represent the total amount of work done by the Five Years Meeting, as a large amount of money has been sent directly to the various Boards, especially before the Forward Movement and United Budget were in operation. In the future if all funds for the benevolent work of the Five Years Meeting were sent to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting, and then distributed by him, it would be possible to show in one report, all of the work done.

I wish to express my appreciation of the way the Finance Committee, Executive Committee, Executive Officers, and the Treasurers of the various Yearly Meetings have co-operated with the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting during the past five years. However, it is my judgment that the future Treasurer should be a successful man in business administration, to be one of the Executive Officers and devote his entire time to the business of the Five Years Meeting.

Respectfully,

EDWIN G. CRAWFORD, *Treasurer*
*of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America.*

Schedule No. 1. RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA

| | RECEIPTS | Oct. 1, 1917 to | Sept. 30, 1918 | Oct. 1, 1918 to | Sept. 30, 1919 | Oct. 1, 1919 to | Sept. 30, 1920 | Oct. 1, 1920 to | Sept. 30, 1921 | Oct. 1, 1921 to | June 30, 1922 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Bal. on hand, Oct. 1, each year | ..... | $3,524 61 | ..... | $480.84 | ..... | $2,662.74 | ..... | $1,654.40 | ..... | $7,918.88 |
| 1 | General Fund: Yearly Mtg., Assessments, current | $5,191.66 | ..... | $7,682.00 | ..... | $6,835.50 | ..... | $6,991.56 | ..... | $5,329.50 | ..... |
| 2 | Yearly Mtg. Assessments, Delinquent | 920.90 | ..... | 1,166.59 | ..... | 760.00 | ..... | 1,950.00 | ..... | 1,258.05 | ..... |
| 3 | Publication Bd, account Salary of Gen'l Sec'y | 1,066.64 | ..... | 1,733.30 | ..... | 1,466.63 | ..... | 1,733.33 | ..... | 1,200 00 | ..... |
| 4 | Interest on Bank Balance | 70.32 | ..... | 52.98 | ..... | 98.01 | ..... | 114.75 | ..... | 76 77 | ..... |
| 5 | Refunds, etc | 103.68 | ..... | 55.31 | ..... | 1.00 | ..... | 21.07 | ..... | 3.07 | ..... |
| 6 | Sale of Office Furniture | 16.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | ..... | 40.00 | ..... |
| 7 | Sale of "Five Year Mtg. Hand Books" | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 281.72 | ..... | 5 76 | ..... |
| 8 | Contribution to Gen'l Sec'y Fund | 24.00 | ..... | 135.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 9 | Difference on R. R. Fare of Delegates to 5 yrs. Mtg. 1917 | 2,052.53 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Total | ..... | $9,446.23 | | $10,825.18 | | $9,161.14 | | $11,105.43 | | $7,913.15 |
| 10 | Annual Fund | ..... | 3,792.61 | | 7,170.31 | | 8,170.86 | | 574 79 | | 2,277.91 |
| | Special Funds (other than Annual Fund) | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 11 | Young Friends Board, Contributions | ..... | 756.71 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 12 | Bible School Board, Contributions and Interest on Endowment | ..... | 165.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12.26 | ..... | 30.92 | ..... | 17.50 |
| 13 | Foreign Mission Board, Contributions | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 14 | Evang. & Church Ex. Bd., contributions and Interest on Endowment | ..... | 111.25 | ..... | 30.00 | ..... | 30.00 | ..... | 30.00 | ..... | 30.00 |
| 15 | Peace Association, Contrib. | ..... | 15.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 16 | Board of Education, contrib. | ..... | 75.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 50.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 17 | Publication Board, contrib. | ..... | ..... | ..... | 100.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 18 | Central Office Bldg. Fund Contributons | ..... | ..... | 2,233.00 | ..... | 254.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 19 | Rent of Office Rooms and Cottage | | | 330.00 | | 1,348.75 | | 2,034.67 | | 1,505.74 | |
| 20 | Bills Payable | | | 4,400.00 | | | | 1,100.00 | | | |
| 21 | Sale of Fixtures, Refunds, etc. | | | 12.50 | | | | 3.00 | | | |
| 22 | Forward Movement and United Budget | | | | | 4,571.42 | | 202.82 | | | |
| | Total | | | | $6,975.50 | | $6,174.17 | | $3,340.49 | | $1,505.74 |
| 23 | Central Office Bldg. Sinking Fund, United Budget | | | | | | | | | | 1,180.81 |
| 24 | Fund for Aged Ministers and Missionaries Bequests | | | | | 100.00 | | | | | |
| 25 | Forward Movement and United Budget | | | | | | | 6,695.87 | | 1,676.48 | |
| 26 | Interest on Bank Balances | | | | | | | | | 159.34 | |
| | Total | | | | | | $100.00 | | $6,695.87 | | $1,835.82 |
| 27 | Accountant's Salary Fund, Paid by Boards | | | | | | | | 606.25 | | 1,243.71 |
| 28 | Printing Uniform Disciplines, Paid by Iowa and Western Yearly Meetings | | | | | | | | 638.75 | | |
| 29 | Deficit Account of Boards; contributions | | | | | | | | | | 4,425.00 |
| 30 | Emergency & Contingency Fund United Budget | | | | | | | | | | 584.56 |
| 31 | Central Office Promotion Acct., United Budget | | | | | | | | | 3,709.06 | |
| 32 | Bills Payable | | | | | | | | | 5,000.00 | |
| 33 | Rebates, etc | | | | | | | | | 78.20 | |
| 34 | Balance in Old Forward Movement Expense Acct. Oct. 1, 1921 | | | | | | | | | 981.23 | |
| | Total | | | | | | | | | | $9,768.49 |
| 35 | United Budget Deficit Acct. | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Received from United Budget to Pay Notes | | | | | | | | | | 15,000.00 |
| 36 | Total Receipts and Baances at beginning of year | | $17,891.94 | | $25,581.83 | | $26,361.17 | | $24,676.90 | | $53,701.57 |

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA

| | DISBURSEMENTS | Oct. 1, 1917 to | Sept. 30, 1918 | Oct. 1, 1918 to | Sept. 30, 1919 | Oct. 1, 1919 to | Sept. 30, 1920 | Oct. 1, 1920 to | Sept. 30, 1921 | Oct. 1, 1921 to | June 30, 1922 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 37 | General Fund: Central Office; Salary of Gen'l Sec'y | $2,000 00 | ..... | $2,350.00 | ..... | $2,600.00 | ..... | $3,000.00 | ..... | $2,250.00 | ..... |
| 38 | Salary of Asst. Gen'l Sec'y... | 1,170 00 | ..... | 1,300.00 | ..... | 680.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 39 | Salaries of Stenographers and other Assistants..... | 787.50 | ..... | 1,190.25 | ..... | 1,605.00 | ..... | 1,620.00 | ..... | 1,210.00 | ..... |
| 40 | Traveling Expenses of Gen'l Sec'y and Assistant..... | 515.49 | ..... | 490.92 | ..... | 546.98 | ..... | 188,93 | ..... | 276.69 | ..... |
| 41 | Office Supplies, etc..... | 373.05 | ..... | 65.93 | ..... | 59.36 | ..... | 122.17 | ..... | 100.90 | ..... |
| 42 | Rent..... | 340 00 | ..... | 360.00 | ..... | 300.00 | ..... | 240.00 | ..... | 270.00 | ..... |
| 43 | Office Fixtures..... | 65.75 | ..... | 7.00 | ..... | 127.65 | ..... | 39.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | Total ..... | | $5,251.79 | | $5,764.10 | | $5,918.99 | | $5,210.60 | $4,107.59 | |
| 44 | Expenses of Boards, Committees, etc..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| | (See Scheule No. 2)..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Total..... | | $4,993.97 | | $3,424.25 | | $3,759.51 | | $5,590.07 | | $4,058.41 |
| 44A | Difference on R. R. Fare of Delegates to Five Years Mtg. 1917..... | ..... | 2,052.53 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 45 | Annual Fund: Home Mission Board..... | 1,744.60 | ..... | 2,939.83 | ..... | 3,350.05 | ..... | 235.66 | ..... | 879.78 | ..... |
| | Board of Education..... | 455.11 | ..... | 788.73 | ..... | 898.79 | ..... | 63.23 | ..... | 236.04 | ..... |
| | Bible School Board..... | 758.52 | ..... | 1,290.66 | ..... | 1,470.76 | ..... | 103.46 | ..... | 386.24 | ..... |
| | Young Friends Board..... | 758.52 | ..... | 1,290.66 | ..... | 1,470.76 | ..... | 103.46 | ..... | 386.25 | ..... |
| | Board on Temperance..... | 75.86 | ..... | 143.40 | ..... | 163.42 | ..... | 11.50 | ..... | 42.92 | ..... |
| | Peace Association..... | ..... | ..... | 717.03 | ..... | 817.08 | ..... | 57.48 | ..... | 214.58 | ..... |
| | Total..... | | $3,792.61 | | $7,170.31 | | $8,170.86 | | $574.79 | | $2,145.81 |
| | Special Funds (Other than Annual Fund.) | | | | | | | | | | |
| 46 | Young Friends Board, Contributions and Balance.... | ..... | 1,049.70 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 47 | Bible School Board, Contributions and Interest on Endowment..... | ..... | 165.50 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12.26 | ..... | 30.92 | ..... | 17.50 |
| 48 | Foreign Mission Board, Contributions..... | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 49 | Evang. & Church Ex. Board Contributions and Interest on Endowment | | 10.00 | | | | 30.00 | | 30.00 | | 30.00 |
| 50 | Peace Association, contrib... | | 15.00 | | | | | | | | |
| 51 | Board of Education, con... | | 75.00 | | | | 50.00 | | | | |
| 52 | Publication Board, contrib... | | | | 100.00 | | | | | | |
| 53 | Central Office Bldg. Fund; Notes Paid off | | | 2,085.00 | | 4,735.34 | | | | | |
| 54 | Intereston Notes | | | 88.51 | | 497.95 | | 333.32 | | 423.39 | |
| 55 | Janitor, Light, Heat and Water | | | 339.72 | | 1,531.86 | | 1,388.88 | | 904.64 | |
| 56 | Telephone | | | | | | | 167.50 | | 198.95 | |
| 57 | Improvements and Repairs | | | 3,728.38 | | | | 1,030.38 | | 44.60 | |
| 58 | Taxes | | | | | | | 19.04 | | 19.08 | |
| 59 | Sundries | | | 218.82 | | | | 108.80 | | 54.22 | |
| 60 | Transferred to C. O. Bldg. Sinking Fund | | | | | | | | | 235.74 | |
| | Total | | | | $6,460.43 | | $6,765.15 | | $3,047.98 | | $1,880.62 |
| 61 | Central Office Bldg. Sinking Fund, Paid on Notes | | | | | | | | | | 1,166.66 |
| 62 | Fund for Aged Ministers and Missionaries, Orders Paid | | | | | | | | 852.61 | | 2,258.33 |
| 63 | Accountants Salary Funds, Salary Paid Accountant | | | | | | | | 600.00 | | 1,283.30 |
| 64 | Printing Uniform Disciplines: For Iowa and Western Yrly. Meetings | | | | | | | | 721.05 | | |
| 65 | Deficit Acct. of Boards; Expenses of Solicitors | | | | | | | | | | 400.13 |
| 66 | Emergency & Contingent Funds Special travel for United Budget | | | | | | | | | | 32.67 |
| 67 | Central Office Promotion Acct. Salary Asst. Gen'l Sec'y | | | | | | | | | 2,025.00 | |
| 68 | Salaries of Field Agents and Office Clerks | | | | | | | | | 2,529.53 | |
| 69 | Traveling Expenses | | | | | | | | | 1,010.09 | |
| 70 | Stationery, Printing and Office Expenses | | | | | | | | | 2,497.53 | |

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSMENTS, FIVE YEARS MEETING OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA (Continue)

| | DISBURSMENTS | Oct. 1, 1917 to | Sept. 30, 1918 | Oct. 1, 1918 to | Sept. 30, 1919 | Oct. 1, 1910 to | Sept. 30, 1920 | Oct. 1, 1920 to | Sept. 30, 1921 | Oct. 1, 19121 to | June 30, 1922 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 71 | Interest on Notes | | | | | | | | | 1,202.98 | |
| 72 | Fixtures | | | | | | | | | 817.99 | |
| | Total | | | | | | | | | | $10,083.12 |
| 73 | Bills Payable: Notes Paid off (United Budget) | | | | | | | | | | 15,000.00 |
| 74 | Deposited in Central Office Rotary Fund | | | | | | | | 100.00 | | |
| 75 | Balance on hand, at close of each year | | 480.84 | | 2,662.74 | | 1,654.40 | | 7,918.88 | | 11,237.43 |
| | Total | | $17,891.94 | | $25,581.83 | | $26,361.17 | | $24,676.90 | | $53,701.57 |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION OF BOARDS, ETC.—FINANCED BY ASSESSMENTS AGAINST YEARLY MEETINGS

Schedule No. 2

| | | Oct. 1, 1917 to Appropriation and other Credits | Sept. 30, 1918 Amount Used | Oct. 1, 1918 to Appropriation and Other Credits | Sept. 30, 1919 Amount Used | Oct. 1, 1919 to Appropriation and Other Credits | Sept. 30, 1920 Amount Used | Oct. 1, 1920 to Appropriation and Other Credits | Sept. 30, 1921 Amount Used | Oct. 1, 1921 to Appropriation and Other Credits | June 30 1922t, Amount Used | Bal. due June 30, 1922 as per Sch. No. 4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Young Friends Bd. | $400.00 | $416.50 | $500.00 | $524.95 | $600.00 | $599.86 | $600.00 | $599.85 | $600.00 | $277.14 | $322.89 |
| 2 | Bible School Board | 350.00 | 157.97 | 250.00 | 127.47 | 250.00 | 184.11 | 250.00 | 71.57 | 250.00 | 250.00 | |
| 3 | Executive Com. | 800.00 | 576.98 | 772.42 | 608.14 | 650.00 | 796.96 | 1,463.13 | 1,321.99 | 1,550.00 | 1,640.15 | O.D. 90.15 |
| 4 | Foreign Miss. Bd. | 900.00 | 1,357.90 | 900.00 | 957.39 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,600.00 | 1,591.76 | 1,600.00 | 624.62 | 975.35 |
| 5 | Publication Board | 75.00 | 8.22 | 75.00 | 20.52 | 75.00 | 28.12 | 100.00 | 47.30 | 100.00 | | 100.00 |
| 6 | Peace Association | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 244.30 | 55.70 |
| 7 | Bd. on Temperance | 150.00 | 1 50 | 50.00 | | 100.00 | | 100.00 | | 150.00 | | 150.00 |
| 8 | Board of Education | 250.00 | 186.10 | 250.00 | | 250.00 | | 250.00 | | 250.00 | 196.63 | 53.37 |
| 9 | Home Mission Bd. | 300.00 | 95.20 | 300.00 | 256.78 | 300.00 | 332.94 | 607.94 | 378.90 | 600.00 | 586.67 | 13.33 |
| 10 | Federal Council of Churches | 100.00 | 118.35 | 100.00 | 153.00 | 100.00 | 87.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | |
| 11 | Printing Year Book | 150.00 | | 200.00 | 403.95 | 400.00 | 50.00 | 631.72 | 562.00 | 405.76 | | 405.76 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 12 | Auditing Committee | 25.00 | ..... | 10.00 | ..... | 5.00 | ..... | 75.00 | 40.75 | 50.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| 13 | Finance Committee. | 7.50 | 6.70 | 7.50 | 7.05 | 7.50 | 7.00 | 10.00 | 8.00 | 12.50 | 8.40 | 4.10 |
| 14 | Treasurer..... | 67.50 | 76.61 | 67.50 | 62.50 | 107.50 | 98.58 | 107.50 | 95.20 | 110.00 | 55.50 | 54.50 |
| 15 | Delegates to Interdenominational Boards ..... | 125.00 | ..... | 125.00 | ..... | 125.00 | 63.94 | 125.00 | 48.23 | 175.00 | ..... | 175.00 |
| 16 | Expenses of Five Years Meetg. 1917 | 1,850.00 | 1,587.06 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 17 | Reserve for Five Years Mtg. 1922.. | 400.00 | ..... | 400.00 | ..... | 400.00 | ..... | 400.00 | ..... | 400.00 | ..... | ..... |
| 18 | Board of Trustees... | ..... | ..... | 10.00 | 2.50 | 5.00 | 2.50 | 5.00 | ..... | 10.00 | ..... | 10.00 |
| 19 | Delegates to Federal Council of Church | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 450.00 | 344.98 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 20 | Balance for Unexpected Expense... | 296.19 | 53.60 | 60.00 | ..... | 41.00 | 8.50 | 22.00 | 29.54 | 83.07 | ..... | 83.07 |
| 21 | Evangelistic and Church Ex. Board | 101.25 | 51.28 | 30.00 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 22 | Total Appropriation other than Central Office..... | $6,647.44 | | $4,407.42 | | $4,916.00 | | $7,247.29 | | $6,796.33 | | |
| 23 | Total Expenses of Boards, etc., line 44 Schedule No. 1. | ..... | $4,993.97 | | $3,424.25 | | $3,759.51 | | $5,590.07 | | $4,058.41 | ..... |
| 24 | Central Office..... | $5,203.60 | $5,251.79 | $6,422.47 | $5,764.10 | $6,230.96 | $5,918.99 | $5,710.09 | *$5,243.94 | $5,530.00 | $4,107.59 | $1,422.41 |
| 25 | Totals..... | $11,851.04 | $10,245.76 | $10,829.89 | $9,188.35 | $11,146.96 | $9,678.50 | $12,957.29 | $10,834.01 | $12,326.33 | $8,166.00 | ..... |
| 26 | Total as shown on line 12 of Liabilities in Schedule No. 4, Due Appropriation Accts. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | $3,850.48 |

*The difference of $33.34 between this amount and the corresponding amount on line 43, Schedule No. 1 was transferred to the credit of the "Accountant's Salary Fund" to help pay the Accountant's Salary. No cash was envolved in the transfer, thus it does not appear in Schedule No. 1.

Schedule No. 3. ANNUAL ($10,000) FUND ESTABLISHED IN 1917

| | RECEIPTS | | RECEIPTS BY YEARS | | DISTRIBUTION | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Baltimore Yearly Meeting | $2,508.73 | Year Ending Sept 30, 1918 | $3,792.61 | Home Mission Board | $9,149.92 |
| 2 | California Yearly Meeting | 1,500.00 | Year Ending Sept. 30, 1919 | 7,170.31 | Board of Education | 2,441.90 |
| 3 | Canada Yearly Meeting | 375.48 | Year Ending Sept. 30, 1920 | 8,170.86 | Bible School Board | 4,009.64 |
| 4 | Indiana Yearly Meeting | 7,202.49 | Year Ending Sept. 30, 1921 | 574.79 | Young Friends Board | 4,009.65 |
| 5 | Iowa Yearly Meeting | 1,500.00 | Year Ending June 30, 1922 | 2,277.91 | Board on Temperance | 437.10 |
| 6 | Kansas Yearly Meeting | | | | Peace Association | 1,806.17 |
| 7 | New England Yearly Meeting | 1,625.00 | | | Balance on hand, June 30, 1922 not distributed | 132.10 |
| 8 | Nebraska Yearly Meeting | 600.00 | | | | |
| 9 | New York Yearly Meeting | 2,037.10 | | | | |
| 10 | North Carolina Yearly Meeting | 661.65 | | | | |
| 11 | Oregon Yearly Meeting | 300.00 | | | | |
| 12 | Western Yearly Meeting | 1,956.13 | | | | |
| 13 | Wilmington Yearly Meeting | 1,559.90 | | | | |
| 14 | Miscellaneous Yearly Meetings | 160.00 | | | | |
| 15 | Totals | $21,986.48 | | $21,986.48 | | $21,986.48 |

Schedule No. 4. BALANCE SHEET, JUNE 30, 1922

| | RESOURCES | | | | LIABILITIES | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Cash, Treasurer's Acct., 2nd Nat. Bk., Richmond... | $3,903.09 | | 1 | Notes Payable2nd Nat. Bank, United Budget.. | $19,150.00 | |
| 2 | Treasurer's Savings Acct.2nd Nat. Bk. Richm'd. | 7,159.34 | | 2 | Dickinson Truct Co., Central Office Bldg..... | 4,500.00 | |
| 3 | Cash on hand..... | 175.00 | | | Total..... | | $23,650.00 |
| 4 | Central Office Rotary Fund & Petty Cash..... | 110.00 | | 3 | Fund Balances on hand in Cash..... | | |
| | Total..... | | $11,347.43 | 4 | Annual ($10,000.00) Fund..... | 132.10 | |
| 5 | Due from Yearly Meeting Assessments..... | | | 5 | Central Office Bldg., Sinking Fund..... | 216.97 | |
| 6 | Iowa, Balance, 1921-1922..... | 440.00 | | 6 | Aged Minister's and Missionaries Fund..... | 5,520.75 | |
| 7 | Kansas Balance, 1921-1922..... | 837.50 | | 7 | Reserve for Printing Uniform Discipline..... | 117.70 | |
| 8 | North Carolina Balance, 1920-1921..... | 14.64 | | 8 | Deficit Account of Boards..... | 4,024.87 | |
| 9 | North Carolina 1921-1922 in Full..... | 955.50 | | 9 | Emergency and Contingent Fund..... | 551.89 | |
| 10 | Oregon Balance, 1920-1921..... | 150.00 | | 10 | Reservefor Five Years Meeting, 1922..... | 2,000.00 | |
| 11 | Oregon 1921-1922 in Full..... | 346.50 | | | | | $12,564.28 |
| 12 | Western Balance, 1921-1922..... | 417.50 | | 11 | Central Office Building, Net Worth..... | | 5,500.00 |
| 13 | Wilmington, 1920-1921 in full..... | 677.25 | | 12 | Due Appropriation Accounts: | | |
| 14 | Wilmington, 1921-1922 in Full..... | 651.00 | | | Balance unused on June 30, 1922 for year ending | | |
| | | | $4,489.89 | | Sept. 30, 1922 (See Schedule No. 2)..... | | $3,850.48 |
| 15 | Accounts Overdrawn: | | | 13 | General Fund: Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1921.... | 2,201.67 | |
| 16 | Central Office Building..... | 861.10 | | | Yearly Meeting Assessments..... | 8,977.50 | |
| 17 | Central Office Promotion Account..... | 304.63 | | | Interest..... | 76.77 | |
| | | | 665.73 | | | $11,255.94 | |
| 18 | Real Estate: Central Office Buildings..... | ..... | 10,000.00 | | Less: Appropriations.....$11,077.50 | | |
| 19 | United Budget Deficit: Loans at 2nd National Bank, Richmond..... | ..... | 19,150.00 | | Exec. Com. Appro. Overdrawn.... 90.15 | 11,167.65 | 88.29 |
| | | | $45,653.05 | | | | $45,653.05 |

FORWARD MOVEMENT AND UNITED BUDGET SUSTAINING FUND
RECEIPTS AND DISTRIBUTION
Schedule No. 5. FIRST FORWARD MOVEMENT MAY 3, 1920 TO JULY 8, 1921

| | RECEIPTS | | | DISTRIBUTION | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Baltimore Yearly Meeting | $22,195.21 | | Distributed on basis determined by Executive Committee. | |
| 2 | Canada Yearly Meeting | 269 96 | 1 | Foreign Mission Board | $50,865.02 |
| 3 | California Yearly Meeting | 5,975.48 | 2 | Home Mission Board | 45,214.81 |
| 4 | Indiana Yearly Meeting | 51,723.10 | 3 | Board of Education | 36,117.28 |
| 5 | Iowa Yearly Meeting | 27,711.45 | 4 | American Friends Service Committee | 18,044.29 |
| 6 | Kansas Yearly Meeting | 14,138.00 | 5 | Aged Minister and Missionaries Fund | 6,369.77 |
| 7 | Nebraska Yearly Meeting | 6,274.43 | 6 | Peace Association | 2,547.90 |
| 8 | New England Yearly Meeting | 32,286.18 | 7 | Prohibition Board | 254.79 |
| 9 | New York Yearly Meeting | 4,179.84 | 8 | Bible School Board | 13,500.04 |
| 10 | North Carolina Yearly Meeting | 20,071.67 | 9 | Young Friends Board | 8,399.97 |
| 11 | Oregon Yearly Meeting | 2,179.93 | 10 | Publication Board | 3,999.99 |
| 12 | Western Yearly Meeting | 30,836.33 | 11 | Central Office Building | 4,571.42 |
| 13 | Wilmington Yearly Meeting | 22,000.76 | 12 | Forward Movement Expense Account | 30,000.00 |
| 14 | Miscellaneous | 133.01 | 13 | Emergency: Interchurch-World Movement | 12,500.00 |
| | | | 14 | Emergency: Nebraska Central College | 1,644.07 |
| | | | | | $234,029.35 |
| | | | | Special Funds Received and Remitted Directly: | |
| | | | 15 | Foreign Mission Board, Emergency Fund | 4,380 77 |
| | | | 16 | Home Mission Board, Emergency Fund | 486.83 |
| | | | 17 | White's Institute | 13 00 |
| | | | 18 | Penn College | 100.00 |
| | | | 19 | European Relief Work | 965.40 |
| 15 | Total Receipts | 239,975.3520 | | Total Distribution | $239,975.35 |

SECOND UNITED BUDGET APRIL 20, 1921 TO APRIL 10, 1922

| | RECEIPTS | | | DISTRIBUTION | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16 | Baltimore Yearly Meeting | $9,138.46 | | Distributed on percentage basis. | |
| 17 | Canada Yearly Meeting | 272.60 | 21 | Foreign Mission Board | 18,778.18 |
| 18 | California Yearly Meeting | 934.03 | 22 | Home Mission Board | 12,720.78 |
| 19 | Indiana Yearly Meeting | 15,967.41 | 23 | Board of Education | 1,115.54 |
| 20 | Iowa Yearly Meeting | 11,457.01 | 24 | Bible School Board | 3,129.23 |
| 21 | Kansas Yearly Meeting | 6,944.72 | 25 | Young Friends Board | 1,642.50 |
| 22 | Nebraska Yearly Meeting | 1,118.80 | 26 | Peace Association | 1,518.19 |
| 23 | New England Yearly Meeting | 15,325.20 | 27 | Publication Board | 1,337.23 |
| 24 | New York Yearly Meeting | 295.82 | 28 | Prohibition Board | 224.38 |
| 25 | North Carolina Yearly Meeting | 2,178.86 | 29 | Aged Ministers and Missionaries Funds | 1,777.78 |
| 26 | Oregon Yearly Meeting | 1,232.71 | 30 | Emergency Fund | 3,907.91 |
| 27 | Western Yearly Meeting | 6,275.50 | 31 | Central Office Building | 1,231.44 |
| 28 | Wilmington Yearly Meeting | 1,082.21 | | | |
| 29 | Miscellaneous | 159.83 | | | |
| 30 | Special Funds for Transmission | 1,302.10 | 32 | To Pay Notes at Bank | 25,000.78 |
| | | | 33 | North Carolina Yearly Meeting Assessment transmitted | 302.32 |
| | | | 34 | Armenian and European Relief Transmitted | 969.00 |
| | | | 35 | Chinese Mission Transmitted | 30.00 |
| 31 | Total Receipts | $73,685.26 | 36 | Total Distribution | $73,685.26 |

THIRD UNITED BUDGET APRIL 5, 1922 TO JUNE 30, 1922

| | RECEIPTS | | | DISTRIBUTION | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 32 | Baltimore Yearly Meeting | $2,098.61 | | Distributed on percentage basis. | |
| 33 | Canada Yearly Meeting | | 37 | Foreign Mission Board | $2,994.90 |
| 34 | California Yearly Meeting | | 38 | Home Mission Board | 2,120.88 |
| 35 | Indiana Yearly Meeting | 2,217.18 | 39 | Board of Education | 26.59 |
| 36 | Iowa Yearly Meeting | 770.92 | 40 | Bible School Board | 431.05 |
| 37 | Kansas Yearly Meeting | 69.00 | 41 | Young Friends Board | 302.12 |
| 38 | Nebraska Yearly Meeting | 78.60 | 42 | Peace Association | 404.47 |
| 39 | New England Yearly Meeting | 958.18 | 43 | Publication Board | 201.73 |
| 40 | New York Yearly Meeting | 167.00 | 44 | Prohibition Board | 26.59 |
| 41 | North Carolina Yearly Meeting | | 45 | Aged Ministers and Missionaries Fund | 192.19 |
| 42 | Oregon Yearly Meeting | 515.62 | 46 | Emergency Fund | 584.56 |
| 43 | Western Yearly Meeting | 966.87 | 47 | Central Office Building | 152.19 |
| 44 | Wilmington Yearly Meeting | 55.00 | 48 | United Budget Expense | 459.72 |
| 45 | Miscellaneous | | 49 | European Relief Transmitted | 130.94 |
| 46 | Special Funds for Transmission | 130.94 | | | |
| 47 | Total Receipts | $8,027.92 | 50 | Total Distribution | $8,027.92 |

RECAPITULATION OF SCHEDULES No. 3 AND No. 5
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED AND DISTRIBUTED FOR BENEVOLENT WORK OF FIVE YEARS MEETING

Schedule No. 6.

| | RECEIPTS | | | DISTRIBUTION | | | SUMMARY | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Baltimore Yearly Meeting | $35,941.01 | 1 | Foreign Mission Board | $77,048.87 | 1 | Total Receipts, Annual Fund | $21,986.48 |
| 2 | Canada Yearly Meeting | 918.04 | 2 | Home Mission Board | 69,693.22 | 2 | Total Receipts, 1st For. Move | 239,975.35 |
| 3 | California Yearly Meeting | 8,409.51 | 3 | Board of Education | 39,701.31 | 3 | Total Receipts, 2nd Uni. Bud. | 73,685.26 |
| 4 | Indiana Yearly Meeting | 77,110.18 | 4 | Bible School Board | 21,069.96 | 4 | Total Receipts, 3rd Uni. Bud. | 8,027.92 |
| 5 | Iowa Yearly Meeting | 41,439.38 | 5 | Young Friends Board | 14,354.24 | | | |
| 6 | Kansas Yearly Meeting | 21,151.72 | 6 | Peace Association | 6,276.73 | | | |
| 7 | Nebraska Yearly Meeting | 8,071.83 | 7 | Publication Board | 5,538.94 | | | |
| 8 | New England Yearly Meeting | 50,194.56 | 8 | Prohibition Board | 942.86 | | | |
| 9 | New York Yearly Meeting | 6,679.76 | 9 | Aged Minister & Miss. Funds | 8,339.74 | | | |
| 10 | North Carolina Yearly Meeting | 22,912.18 | 10 | Central Office Bldg. Fund | 5,955.05 | | | |
| 11 | Oregon Yearly Meeting | 4,228.26 | 11 | American Friends Service Com | 20,109.95 | | | |
| 12 | Western Yearly Meeting | 40,034.83 | 12 | Camp. Exp. (Notes Paid off) | 55,459.72 | | | |
| 13 | Wilmington Yearly Meeting | 24,697.87 | 13 | Emergency: Inter-Church | 12,500.00 | | | |
| 14 | Miscellaneous | 1,885.88 | 14 | Nebr. Cent. Col. $1,644.07 | | | | |
| | | | 15 | Other 4,492.47 | | | | |
| | | | | | $18,636.54 | | | |
| | | | 16 | Special Funds Transmitted | 415.78 | | | |
| | | | 17 | Balance in Annual Fund June 30, 1922 | 132.10 | | | |
| 15 | Total Receipts | $343,675.01 | 18 | Total Distribution | $343,675.01 | | Total | $343,675.01 |

Schedule No. 7.

EXPENSES FORWARD MOVEMENT AND UNITED BUDGET CAMPAIGN
UP TO AND INCLUDING SEPT. 30, 1921

| | | Aug. 16, 1919 to Apr. 30, 1920 | May 1, 1920 to Apr. 30, 1921 | May 1, 1921 to Sept. 30, 1921 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Salaries: Director of Forward Movement | $1,942.23 | $3,000.00 | $750.00 | $5,692.23 |
| | Asst. General Secretary of Five Years Meetings | ..... | ..... | 1,125.00 | 1,125 00 |
| | Field Men | 3,462.13 | 7,582.68 | 688.34 | 11,733.15 |
| 4 | Office Clerks and Stenographers | 2,374.59 | 4,604.29 | 1,507.90 | 8,486.87 |
| 5 | Total Salaries | $7,778.95 | $15,186.97 | $4,071.24 | $27,037.16 |
| 7 | Traveling Expenses for Field Work | $9,120.67 | $9,799.93 | $1,723.15 | $20,643.75 |
| 8 | Postage | 2,033.08 | 1,564.53 | 106.48 | 3,704.09 |
| 9 | Stationery and Printing (including the "Forward Movement News") | 3,232.34 | 2,816.65 | 397.72 | 6,446.71 |
| 10 | Telegraph and Telephone | 225.10 | 219.19 | 112.67 | 556.96 |
| 11 | Rent | 157.33 | 553.45 | ..... | 710.78 |
| 12 | Furniture and Fixtures | 446.63 | 330.02 | ..... | 776.65 |
| 13 | Interest on Bank Loans | 45.58 | 1,467.47 | 1,086.50 | 2,599.55 |
| 14 | Stereopticans and Apparatus | ..... | 986.84 | ..... | 986.84 |
| 15 | American Friend for Publicity | ..... | 2,252.39 | ..... | 2,252.39 |
| 16 | Miscellaneous | 1,553.91 | 1,408.97 | 59.58 | 3,022.46 |
| 17 | Totals | $24,593.59 | $36,586.41 | $7,557.34 | $68,737.34 |

SUMMARY OF CASH ACCOUNT, AUG. 16, 1919 TO SEPT. 30, 1921

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | RECEIPTS | | | |
| 18 | Bank Loans | $69,150.00 | | |
| 19 | Transferred from First Forward Movement to Pay Notes | 30,070.00 | | |
| 20 | Transferred from Second United Budget to Pay Notes | 10,000.00 | | |
| 21 | Share of Distributions from Second United Budget | 658.57 | | |
| | | | $109,878.57 | |
| | DISBRUSEMENTS | | | |
| 22 | Total Expenses Paid as Shown Above | 68,737.34 | | |
| 23 | Loans Repaid | 40,000.00 | | |
| 24 | Advances on Expenses Outstanding Sept. 30, 1921 | 160.00 | | |
| | | | $108,897.34 | |
| 25 | Balance on Hand | | $981.23 | |

(This amount is the same as that shown on line 34 of Schedule No. 1.)

Schedule No. 8. *FORWARD MOVEMENT AND UNITED BUDGET COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUND, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEM ENTS

| | RECEIPTS | Firt Year May 3, 1920 to Aug. 8, 1921 | Second Year Apr. 20, 1921 to Apr. 10, 1922 | Third Year Apr. 5, 1922 to June 30, 1922 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Baltimore Yearly Meeting | $1,057.47 | $32.50 | $75.00 | $1,164.97 |
| 2 | Canada Yearly Meeting | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| 3 | California Yearly Meeting | 90.00 | ..... | ..... | 90.00 |
| 4 | Indiana Yearly Meeting | 7,809.19 | 2,112.00 | 233.35 | 10,154.54 |
| 5 | Iowa Yearly Meeting | 927.00 | 111.66 | 25.00 | 1,063.66 |
| 6 | Kansas Yearly Meeting | 85.00 | ..... | ..... | 85.00 |
| 7 | Nebraska Yearly Meeting | 377.16 | ..... | ..... | 377.16 |
| 8 | New England Yearly Meeting | 1,059.84 | 247.84 | 65.00 | 1,372.68 |
| 9 | New York Yearly Meeting | 39.54 | ..... | 5.00 | 44.54 |
| 10 | North Carolina Yearly Meeting | 233.00 | ..... | ..... | 233.00 |
| 11 | Oregon Yearly Meeting | 25.00 | ..... | ..... | 25.00 |
| 12 | Western Yearly Meeting | 2,973.00 | 742.00 | 153.60 | 3,868.60 |
| 13 | Wilmington Yearly Meeting | 1,993.34 | 293.48 | 45.00 | 2,331.82 |
| 14 | Miscellaneous Yearly Meetings | 613.90 | ..... | ..... | 613.90 |
| 15 | Total Receipts | $17,283.44 | $3,539.48 | $601.95 | $21,424.87 |
| | DISTRIBUTION | | | | |
| | Funds designated for particular educational institutions: | | | | |
| 1 | Earlham College | $6,397.50 | $2,130.00 | $268.60 | $8,796.10 |
| 2 | Guilford College | 100.00 | ..... | ..... | 100.00 |
| 3 | Penn College | 650.00 | ..... | ..... | 650.00 |
| 4 | Nebraska CentralCollege | 90.91 | ..... | ..... | 90.91 |
| 5 | Pacific College | 425.00 | ..... | ..... | 425.00 |
| 6 | Whittier College | ..... | 100.00 | ..... | 100.00 |
| 7 | Wilmington College | 876.00 | 223.48 | 45.00 | 1,144.48 |
| 8 | Fairmount Academy | 185.00 | ..... | ..... | 185.00 |
| 9 | Friendsville Academy | 5.00 | ..... | ..... | 5.00 |
| 10 | Oak Grove Seminary | 200.00 | ..... | ..... | 200.00 |
| 11 | Spiceland Academy | 61.50 | ..... | ..... | 61.50 |
| 12 | Total Designated Funds | $8,990.91 | $2,453.48 | $313.60 | $11,757.99 |
| 13 | Undesignated Funds turned over to Board of Education | 8,292.53 | 1,086.00 | 288.35 | 9,666.88 |
| | Total | $17,283.44 | $3,539.48 | $601.95 | $21.424.87 |

*All figures in this Schedule include both cash and all Securities taken as of par value.

## REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

As arranged with the Executive Committee in October, 1920, I have audited the accounts of the Treasurer, E. G. Crawford, including the Forward Movement and United Budgets for the past three years and certify that the accounts have been correctly kept and all funds properly accounted for. The Treasurer's report for the five years ending June 30, 1922, submitted at this time is certified to be correct.

I have also audited the accounts of the various Boards as kept in the Central Offices for their respective fiscal years ending prior to this meeting and have duly certified to the correctness of the Treasurer's reports as issued.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS A. WRIGHT,

*Certified Public Accountant.*

25. Miles White, Jr., presented the following report of the Finance Committee which met with the approval of the meeting, and the recommendations of the Committee were referred to the Business Committee:

## THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

In October, 1917, the Committee organized by selecting Miles White, Jr., of Baltimore, Md., as Chairman, and Atwood L. Jenkins of Richmond, Ind., as Secretary, and the Secretary was instructed to arrange for a Corporate Bond of $3,000 on the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting: it was also decided to hold the per capita assessment to as near seven cents as possible. In order that the whole expense of the 1922 meeting should not be included in one year's assessment and thereby make it unduly burdensome, a Reserve Fund of $400 was included in each year's assessment, and the Treasurer now has in hand a fund of $2,000 towards the expenses of this meeting.

In 1918, it was found necessary to raise the assessment to ten and a half cents in order to maintain and equip the Central Office in Richmond and to provide for the salaries of the General Secretary and office assistants.

The Bond for $3,000 was promptly secured and has been kept in force ever since. Bonds were also secured upon Jesse O. Parshall and Edgar S. Mote while employed, as stated below.

During the War, your Treasurer, E. G. Crawford, entered the Y. M. C. A. work and Jesse O. Parshall was temporarily put in his place; but upon his return, the Treasurer again took up the work. Subsequently, the Auditor recommended that the accounts of all the Boards and also of the Treasurer be kept in the Central Office; therefore, Edgar S. Mote, who had been in charge of other accounts of the Meeting, is now under the direction of E. G. Crawford, attending to those of the Treasurer also.

The accounts for the United Budget occupy the greater part of Edgar S. Mote's time and the Five Years Meeting will probably be asked to decide whether this Budget shall become a regular part of the work of the Meeting and, if so, whether its administration expenses shall be assessed upon the Yearly Meetings or be deducted from the voluntary contributions; an increase of about two and a half cents per member will be necessary, if assessed.

The amounts requested to be raised for the various Boards for the year ending Ninth Month 30, 1918, totaled $10,891.19, less cash and assessments past due, $4,532.94; the assessment was $7.25 for each one hundred members; membership 88,061, producing $6,358.25. The amount requested for the year ending Ninth Month 30, 1919, was $9,125, in addition to the balance in hand, $1,361.15; the assessment was $10.50 for each one hundred members; membership 87,112, producing $9,124.50.

The amount requested for the year ending Ninth Month 30, 1920, was $9,546, less assessments past due, $1,442.50; the assessment was $9.50 for each one hundred members; membership 85,309, producing $8,103. The amount requested for the year ending Ninth Month 30, 1921, was $11,044.50, less assessments past due, $1,950; the assessment was $10.75 for each one hundred members; membership 84,680, producing $9,094.50. The amount requested for the year ending Ninth Month 30, 1922, was $11,077.50, less assessments past due, $2,100; the assessment was $10.50 for each one hundred members; membership 85,612, producing $8,977.50. The total assessments for the five years were $41,657.75.

The average amount asked for was $10,609; the average

membership 86,155 and the average assessment $9.70 per one hundred members.

The Treasurer's accounts will show how much of the amounts assessed have been paid each year by each Yearly Meeting.

The tabulated statement herewith shows in detail the membership of each Yearly Meeting each year, the rate per one hundred members assessed and the amount such assessments would produce.

When amounts appropriated were not entirely used by the Board during the current year, the balance was carried forward by the Treasurer, as in previous years, into the General Fund, so that a new appropriation was made each year for each Board for the estimated needs of that year.

It has been the endeavor of the Committee during the past few years to keep the assessment down to as near ten cents per member as possible; but it appears probable that in a few years the assessment will have to be raised to twelve and a half or even fifteen cents per member, if much increased work is to be provided for.

The Five Years Meeting has heretofore decided to pay the travelling expenses of members of the Foreign Mission Board attending the annual meeting of the Board, and to pay the travelling expenses of members of the Executive Committee of all the various Boards attending regular meetings of the Executive Committees. In making provision for these expenses this Committee has usually allowed for one meeting of the Executive Committee of each Board, but never consciously for more than two such meetings during one year.

The Foreign Mission Board has lately asked for the expenses of a meeting each month of its Executive Committee which, if allowed, would very materially increase the amount to be assessed upon the Yearly Meetings, and also cause some dissatisfaction among the other Boards, unless they were similarly cared for. It is suggested, therefore, that the Five Years Meeting define more accurately what administration expenses shall be included in the Budget.

As the report of the Treasurer will show the amount expended each year by each of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting, it is unnecessary to give here in detail these amounts

for each year; but that the Meeting may have before it at this time a definite idea of our financial undertakings, the following memorandum of the amounts granted each Board for the year 1921-22 is inserted:

APPROPRIATIONS FOR YEAR ENDING 9TH MONTH 30, 1922

APPROPRIATIONS:

| | |
|---|---|
| Auditing Committee | $ 50.00 |
| Finance Committee | 12.50 |
| Treasurer, clerical assistance and books | 100.00 |
| Premium on Bonds, E. G. Crawford and E. S. Mote. | 10.00 |
| Federal Council of Churches | 150.00 |
| Board on Temperance | 150.00 |
| Peace Association | 300.00 |
| Board of Education | 250.00 |
| Home Mission Board, including Social Service and Negroes | 600.00 |
| Board of Foreign Missions | 1,600.00 |
| Bible School Board | 250.00 |
| Young Peoples Board | 600.00 |
| Board of Publication | 100.00 |
| Board of Trustees | 10.00 |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE:

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| Expenses Members attending the meetings | $1,400.00 | |
| Office expenses, postage, stationery, stenog'y | 100.00 | |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 50.00 | |
| | | 1,550.00 |

CENTRAL OFFICE:

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| Salary, General Secretary | $3,000.00 |
| Salary, Secretarial Assistant | 1,200.00 |
| Assistant (part time) | 480.00 |
| Travelling expenses, General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary | 600.00 |
| Rent and Light | 360.00 |
| Office Equipment and Supplies | 75.00 |
| Telephone and Telegraph | 25.00 |
| Postage, Stationery and Printing | 150.00 |
| | $5,890.00 |

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| Less Appropriation from Publication Board. | 1,600.00 | |
| | | 4,290.00 |
| Printing Year Book ..... | | 400.00 |
| Delegates to Interdenominational Boards .. | | 175.00 |
| Reserve for Expenses, Five Years Meeting 1922 ..... | | 400.00 |
| Balance for Unexpected Expenses ..... | | 80.00 |
| Total Amount to be Provided .... | | $11,077.50 |

One of the Yearly Meetings notified us of the adoption in 1921 of the following minute, viz:

"We recommend that we pay our assessment to the Five Years Meeting, but enter a protest against the assessment for the Federal Council of Churches and the expenses of delegates to the same."

In view of Minute 258 of 1917 Session of the Five Years Meeting approving the report of the Board on Federation of Churches, the concluding sentence of which was, "We recommend that the Five Years Meeting shall continue its participation in the work of the Council and appoint a Board for this service," there was no course open to us but to authorize payment of the appropriation, especially as it had been paid for the preceding four years without protest. This Meeting should now indicate its wishes in the matter for the future.

The foundation upon which the Five Years Meeting built its financial system was a cash basis and to carry out this plan each Yearly Meeting agreed to pay to the Treasurer before January first of each year the assessments made in the preceding October.

This engagement has not been strictly adhered to by all the Yearly Meetings, with the result that the Treasurer has, on several occasions, been embarrassed for lack of funds and especially at the end of the last fiscal year, when he was unable to pay to one of the Boards the full amount allowed it and had on hand a balance of only $1.73 to cover the expenses for the next three months, while there was past due and unpaid by four Yearly Meetings $2,100 of the previous year's assessments—a condition which should not exist.

In order that the Yearly Meetings might not, through any oversight of their Treasurers, fail to make provision for the pay-

## TABULATED STATEMENT

| Yearly Meeting | 1918 Rate $7.25 | | 1919 Rate $10.50 | | 1920 Rate $9.50 | | 1921 Rate $10.75 | | 1922 Rate $10.50 | | 1918-1922 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Members | Amount | Members | Amount | Members | Amount | Members | Amount | Members | Amount | Total Amt. Assessed Five Years |
| Baltimore | 1,234 | $ 87.00 | 1,244 | $ 126.00 | 1,243 | $ 114.00 | 1,232 | $ 129.00 | 1,269 | $ 136.50 | $ 592.50 |
| California | 4,022 | 290.00 | 4,271 | 451.50 | 4,252 | 399.00 | 4,445 | 473.00 | 4,578 | 483.00 | 2,096.50 |
| Canada | 1,014 | 72.50 | 1,014 | 105.00 | 959 | 85.50 | 959 | 107.50 | 1,019 | 105.00 | 475.50 |
| Indiana | 20,051 | 1,450.00 | 18,553 | 1,942.50 | 17,913 | 1,700.50 | 17,328 | 1,859.75 | 17,699 | 1,858.50 | 8,811.25 |
| Iowa | 8,516 | 616.25 | 8,322 | 871.50 | 7,987 | 769.00 | 7,921 | 849.25 | 7,988 | 840.00 | 3,946.00 |
| Kansas | 11,627 | 841.00 | 11,816 | 1,239.00 | 11,481 | 1,092.50 | 11,020 | 1,182.50 | 11,145 | 1,155.00 | 5,510.00 |
| Nebraska | 2,124 | 152.25 | 1,888 | 199.50 | 1,900 | 180.50 | 2,140 | 225.75 | 2,269 | 241.50 | 999.50 |
| New England | 4,032 | 290.06 | 4,103 | 430.50 | 3,997 | 380.00 | 3,966 | 430.00 | 3,921 | 409.50 | 1,940.00 |
| New York | 3,830 | 275.50 | 3,756 | 388.50 | 3,700 | 351.50 | 3,660 | 397.75 | 3,625 | 378.00 | 1,791.25 |
| N. Carolina | 8,656 | 623.50 | 8,988 | 945.00 | 9,094 | 864.50 | 9,107 | 978.25 | 9,119 | 955.50 | 4,366.75 |
| Oregon | 2,927 | 210.25 | 3,036 | 315.00 | 3,073 | 294.50 | 3,165 | 344.00 | 3,264 | 346.50 | 1,510.25 |
| Western | 13,518 | 978.75 | 13,598 | 1,428.00 | 13,211 | 1,254.00 | 13,401 | 1,440.50 | 13,484 | 1,417.50 | 6,518.75 |
| Wilmington | 6,510 | 471.25 | 6,523 | 682.50 | 6,499 | 617.50 | 6,336 | 677.25 | 6,234 | 651.00 | 3,099.50 |
| Total | 88,061 | $6,358.25 | 87,112 | $9,124.50 | 85,309 | $8,103.00 | 84,680 | $9,094.50 | 85,612 | $8,977.50 | $41,657.75 |

ment of their pro rata share of the assessments, notices have this year been sent to both the Treasurer and the Presiding Clerk of each Yearly Meeting, notifying them of the Yearly Meeting's share of the estimated expenses, and it is hoped that provision will be made by each Yearly Meeting to pay its arrearages by the end of this fiscal year, 9th Month 30. At the the present time, six Yearly Meetings owe the Treasurer $4,489.89.

It is suggested that those Yearly Meetings which meet before October make provision in their Budgets for the same amount for the succeeding year as they were assessed for the preceding one. Any small difference could then be arranged for later and the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting would be substantially paid each year for the current needs.

The financial affairs of the various Boards do not come under this Committee's care, except so far as making provision for their administrative expenses, yet we have known that numerous members of the Yearly Meetings composing the Five Years Meeting have been much troubled by the deficits faced by these Boards, and we have learned that a committee of representative business men met in May of this year to consider this situation and addressed a communication in regard thereto to the Executive Committee, in the hope that funds might at once be secured to pay off the present deficits. We deem the matter so important that we have thought it proper to make some mention here of the needs of the Meeting.

The financial plan of the Five Years Meeting wisely provides for a cash basis, while the funds of the Boards are supposed to be provided by voluntary contributions; but unfortunately are not, in fact, adequately nor promptly provided at all; consequently, the Boards are under the heavy expense of paying interest on loans made to carry on their work, pending the receipt of the yearly contributions, many of which do not come to hand until the end of the fiscal year. It is earnestly urged that Friends make weekly or monthly payments of their contributions to the Boards, so that each month the money may be in hand to pay the current expenses.

The plan by which the United Budget Campaign has heretofore been financed is even less desirable than that of the Boards, for the former campaign has been financed by loans

authorized at the beginning of the year in which contributions were to be sought and necessarily interest charges were running from the inception of the undertaking. We would suggest that serious consideration be given to formulating and adopting plans that will provide adequate funds for promptly meeting the expenses of all work authorized by the Five Years Meeting or its Boards.

A moderate sized cash working capital which could be loaned to the Boards and United Budget Managers in anticipation of their receipts seems to be very desirable, and would cause much relief. We understand that the Executive Committee has recorded itself in favor of some such plan and is making efforts in that direction.

Friends of the Five Years Meeting are amply able to supply such a fund if their interest in the work of the Church is a vital one, and surely it is our duty to have such an interest.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

MILES WHITE, JR., *Chairman.*

ATWOOD L. JENKINS, *Secretary.*

26. The following is the report of the Board of Trustees of the Five Years Meeting:

## THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees of the Five Years Meeting submit the following report:

We have in our possession one first mortgage real estate loan of $500.00, the interest of which is paid semi-annually to the Home Mission Board. This legacy was received in 1914 under the will of Abbie E. Wasson of New Castle, Indiana, to be a nucleus of a fund, the income of which should be used by the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board.

We received in 1920, $500.00 from Hannah A. White of Cincinnati, Ohio, as an endowment fund for the American Friends Bible School Board, the income of which is to go to the said Board. This has been invested in a First Mortgage Real Estate loan. The following amounts were also received for the Endowment Fund of the American Friends Bible School Board: $20.00 from Naomi Pennoch, Lansdowne, Pa., and $25.00 from Lenora Hobbs, Bloomingdale, Ind. We hold a certificate of

deposit in the Second National Bank of Richmond, Indiana, for $45.00 for the above.

In 1918 the property at 101 South 8th St., Richmond, Indiana, was purchased for the Central Offices of the Five Years Meeting. The purchase price of the property was $6,850. Changes and improvements were made costing about $4,000. A number of individuals made cash payments to help pay for the property and the improvements thereon. At the present time there is a First Mortgage for $4,500 given by the officers of the Board of Trustees May 1, 1922, for five years at six per cent. interest with the privilege of paying $100.00 or more at any interest paying date.

The various Boards are paying to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting $10.00 per month per room and with this income, he pays all bills for janitor, fuel, light, water, insurance, interest, repairs, etc.

The main building and the cottage on the rear of the lot are both used to capacity by our Boards and Secretaries and are in good condition.

D. William Edwards,
John B. Peelle,
John H. Johnson,
*Trustees.*

27. T. Edmund Harvey of London Yearly Meeting gave a very impressive and stirring address on "The World Outlook and the Open Door for Friends" The message brought the meeting into a sense of responsibility that Friends of the present day, as those of the time of George Fox, be messengers of the eternal gospel, the conveyors of good-will to all people. Present day needs and opportunities were clearly set forth.

28. The following report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Chairman, Allen D. Hole, approved by the meeting, and the recommendations therein contained referred to the Business Committee.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

*To the Five Years Meeting of 1922:*

The Executive Committee appointed in 1917 submits herewith report for the five-year period just closing.

### Organization and Membership

The Committee met at Richmond on October 22, 1917, and organized with the election of the following officers, viz.:—

*Chairman,* Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Indiana.
*Secretary,* Walter C. Woodward, Richmond, Indiana.
*Central Committe,* The Chairman, and
Rufus M. Jones, Haverford, Pa.
Miles White, Jr, Baltimore, Md.
Ellison R. Purdy, Wilmington, Ohio.
David M. Edwards, Richmond, Indiana.

The above named officers have served throughout the five-year period. On May 13, 1921, however, the Executive Committee authorized the appointment of three additional Friends to serve on the Central Committee, and accordingly the following have served in that capacity since that time, viz.:—

George H. Moore, Georgetown, Illinois.
Murray S. Kenworthy, Wilmington, Ohio.
Theodore Foxworthy, Spiceland, Indiana.

Changes in personnel of the Executive Commitee since 1917 are as follows:

1. E. Gurney Hill, member at large, resigned April 18, 1918. Vacancy filled by the election of Stacy J. McCracken, a resident of Richmond, Indiana, at that time, later removed to Wichita, Kansas.

2. John D. Mills, representative from Nebraska Yearly Meeting, resigned April 14, 1919. Vacancy filled by the election of Theodore Foxworthy, of Central City, Nebraska.

3. On January 3, 1920, Murray S. Kenworthy of Wilmington, Ohio, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Ellison R. Purdy from Wilmington Yearly Meeting.

4. On November 30, 1921, Ora W. Carrell of Central City. Nebraska, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Theodore Foxworthy from Nebraska Yearly Meeting.

## Meetings Held

In addition to the meeting for organization the Committee as a whole has held eleven meetings, all at Richmond, Indiana, on the following dates:

April 18, 1918
April 14-16, 1919
January 3, 1920
March 30, 1920
May 20, 21, 1920
September 24, 25, 1920
December 31, 1920
May 12, 13, 1921
Nov. 30-Dec. 1, 1921
May 11, 12, 1922
September 4, 1922.

Of the above, the meetings held on January 3, 1920, March 30, 1920, and September 24, 25, 1920, were special meetings called at times when members of the Executive Committee were already present in Richmond; those held on April 18, 1918, and April 14-16, 1919, were the regular annual meetings; the others mark the change from annual to regular semi-annual meetings, a course rendered necessary by the increasing importance of the business coming before the Committee for consideration.

## Action on Matters Specifically Referred to the Executive Committee by the Five Years Meeting of 1917

1. *Plates for Printing the Uniform Discipline.*

Minute number 51, page 67, (1917) authorized the making of stereotyped plates of the Uniform Discipline. Upon investigation, it was found that holding the linotype metal is at present preferable, and this course has accordingly been followed. Orders from two Yearly Meetings, (Iowa and Western) for editions of the Uniform Discipline have been filled and the metal has been stored, so that further editions can be printed as called for.

2. *Outline for Associate Members.*

Minute number 140, page 123, (1917), referred to the Executive Committee with power to act, the request from Indiana Yearly Meeting for the publication of an outline which would be an aid in preparing Associate Members for Active Membership. The subject has been given consideration by the Executive Committee in its regular sessions and a sub-committee

has spent much time and labor in an effort to produce a satisfactory outline as suggested. The sub-committee is not yet prepared, however, to make final report.

3. *Change in number of Trustees.*

In accordance with instructions given in minute number 172, page 146, (1917), the Executive Committee took action, reducing the number of Trustees to three, and appointing D. William Edwards, of Indianapolis, Indiana, John H. Johnson, of Richmond, and John B. Peelle, of Sabina, Ohio, as Trustees to serve until the time of the convening of the Five Years Meeting in 1922, or until their successors are appointed. The necessary documents required to make the above-mentioned change legal were prepared under competent legal advice, and the proper records have been made in the office of the Recorder of Wayne County, at Richmond, Indiana.

4. *Depository for Documents.*

In accordance with instructions given in minute number 201, page 186, (1917), the Executive Committee authorized the purchase of a fire-proof safe which has been installed in the Central Office Building. In addition, Indiana Yearly Meeting has kindly put at the disposal of the Five Years Meeting space in the fire-proof vault at the Yearly Meeting House.

5. *Providing Funds for Boards.*

In accordance with instructions contained in minute number 216, page 191, (1917) the Executive Committee assisted at different times in carrying out the plan approved in 1917 for providing not less than $10,000.00 a year for the use of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting. Definite efforts to increase the amount pledged in 1917 to the minimum set by instructions given in the minute referred to, were made in the months immediately following the last Five Years Meeting, but the difficulties encountered not only in the effort to secure additional pledges but to collect each year the amounts actually pledged soon convinced the Committee that some extraordinary efforts were absolutely necessary if the instructions of the Five Years Meeting in 1917 regarding financial support of the work of the Boards were to be carried out. This extraordinary effort was, therefore, organized by authority of the Executive Committee,

and was named the Forward Movement. Detailed report concerning this work and its results will be found in the Report of the General Secretary to whom more than to any other one person the credit of initiating the plan belongs.

As a result of the Forward Movement and the United Campaigns following the close of that specially organized effort, the minimum of $10,000.00 per year has not only been secured as directed, but has been far exceeded. The exact amounts for the six Boards included in the instructions here referred to may be found by examining the Report of the Treasurer.

## Other Questions Which Have Come to the Executive Committee for Consideration, with Action Thereon

1. *Auditing Accounts.*

The Five Years Meeting in 1917 appointed an Auditing Committee of three persons with instructions to "arrange for the auditing of all accounts of Boards," (minute number 78, page 88, minutes of 1917.) This committee gave attention to the work in the early part of the five-year period, but owing to the fact that the task of auditing was becoming rapidly more difficult with the increasing activities of the Boards, the Executive Committee was requested, in May 1920, to name a sub-committee to act with the Auditing Committee appointed in 1917 in considering the desirability and practicability of choosing an expert accountant who should not only audit all accounts of Boards and agencies of the Five Years Meeting, but assist in devising and installing a satisfactory accounting system.

This committee after careful consideration entered into an arrangement with Francis A. Wright, Jr., a Friend and a certified public accountant, for this service, and the Executive Committee approved the action taken by the sub-committee.

With the completion of the new arrangement, the Auditing Committee appointed in 1917 was released, and Francis A. Wright, Jr. has been serving very acceptably since that time, making regular reports to the Executive Committee. As a result of his work thus far a system of accounting as nearly uniform for all Boards as possible has been approved, a central accounting office has been established at the Central Offices, and all accounts are regularly audited and certified reports filed.

The expense of auditing is borne by the respective Boards whose accounts are audited in proportion to the amount of time and effort required in the work. The expense of the Central Accounting Office was at first met by assessments upon the Boards served, but is now cared for by an appropriation made from the funds set aside for carrying on the United Promotion work.

2. *Editor of The American Friend.*

In response to a proposition from the Publication Board, the Executive Committee approved an arrangement whereby the General Secretary should also serve as Editor of *The American Friend,* an arrangement which is still in effect. In consideration of the release of a part of the time of the General Secretary for this service, the Publication Board has paid to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting for the credit of the Executive Committee the sum of $1600.00 per year, thus reducing the total amount to be assessed on the Yearly Meetings by this sum each year. In case this arrangement for the General Secretary to devote a part of his time to the editorship of *The American Friend* should be discontinued, it would become necessary for the full salary of the General Secretary to be provided for by direct assessments on the Yearly Meetings.

3. *Travelling Expenses.*

On account of the increased cost of living expenses, the Committee on April 16, 1919, ruled that expense bills for members of the Executive Committee while absent from home on account of attendance at meetings of the Committee should be allowed up to a maximum of $2.50 per day in addition to railroad and Pullman fares, instead of a maximum of $1.50 per day as before.

4. *The American Friends' Service Committee.*

On April 15, 1919, a resolution was passed "approving recognition of the American Friends' Service Committee as a permanent organization with the purpose of expanding its activities to include home service as well as foreign along the lines suggested at this time and outlined in *The American Friend* of March 20, 1919."

Provision was made in the budget of the Forward Movement for the first year for the distribution of a certain proportion of the funds received to the American Friends' Service Committee. It seemed, however, best to omit from the budget of the Forward Movement in the second year and from the budgets of the United Campaigns which followed, any provision for distribution of funds for this purpose. This change was made not because of any lack of appreciation of the work of the American Friends' Service Committee, or desire to withdraw from support of its work, but because it was believed that the funds needed for that work could best be secured by a special appeal. A minute was recorded at the time of the change expressing the feeling of the Executive Committee in regard to the matter which we wish to re-affirm at this time, as follows:—

> "We would warmly commend the work of the American Friends' Service Committee, and are grateful for the response of our young Friends to its call, feeling that they have rendered thus a service of vast importance to the Kingdom of the Prince of Peace. We urge the local meetings to renew and increase the activities of their Service Committees, and use every endeavor to increase the funds which may be made available at this time of unequalled opportunity for carrying the message of Christian love to the millions who are victims of greed and hatred."

5. *Purchase of a Central Office Building.*

Within a year after the close of the Five Years Meeting in 1917, the necessity of securing accommodations for the offices of the General Secretary and the heads of the various Boards became so urgent that the Executive Committee in consultation with officers of the Boards made a careful investigation of what could be done, and finally agreed that the property at 101 South Eighth Street, Richmond, Indiana, should be purchased and fitted up as a Central Office Building. Accordingly, on December 17, 1918, the Executive Committee advised the Trustees of its decision, and authorized them "to take such steps as might be necessary to acquire the property and to hold it in the name of the Five Years Meeting to be used as the said Five Years Meeting or its Executive Committee may direct."

Acting on this authorization the Trustees acquired the property giving mortgage notes for deferred payments, and fitted

it up for use as offices. Promptly thereafter, the General Secretary and the various Boards requiring office space in Richmond moved their respective offices to the newly acquired property, the actual occupancy of the building dating from June 1, 1919.

Payments have been made from time to time to liquidate the indebtedness incurred in acquiring this property, a part of the money for payments being secured by special contributions from individual Friends, a part from rentals paid by Boards, and a part from the share of contributions made in the united campaigns. There still remains unpaid a balance of $4,500.00 as shown by the report of the Trustees. The value of the property at the present time is carried on the books of the Treasurer as $10,000.00.

6. *To Provide for Meeting Deficits of Boards, as of March 31, 1922.*

On May 11, 1922, at a regular meeting of the Executive Committee, a group of Friends, representative business men, advised the Committee of their concern regarding the deficit which burdens some of the Boards of the Five Years Meeting, and recommended the appointment of a committee to have charge of a quiet canvass for funds to relieve the Boards of their financial embarrassment.

The Committee approved the recommendation and appointed the Friends suggested, as follows:

John R. Cary, *Chairman*
E. Gurney Hill, *Vice-Chairman*
Isaac T. Johnson
John H. Johnson
Wallace C. Kemp

who are asked to report to the Five Years Meeting at an appropriate time.

7. *Re-organization of the Work for the Next Five-Year Period.*

The Committee has considered, from time to time, the desirability of some re-organization of the work of the various Boards, and the matter has been given extended consideration by a sub-committee which made its report to the last meeting of the the Executive Committee. As a result of the consideration thus given to this question, the Executive Committee recom-

mends that the work which has in the past been under the care of the Publication Board and the Bible School Board be differently distributed and somewhat enlarged according to the following plan, namely: That instead of the two Boards just mentioned, the Five Years Meeting should authorize, first, a Board on Publications, and second, a Board on Religious Education.

We recommend that the proposed Board on Publications shall consist of seven members appointed by the Five Years Meeting, and the Chairman of the Board on Religious Education, who shall be a member ex-officio of the Board on Publications. We further recommend that this Board on Publications be responsible for the publication both of *The American Friend* and of our Bible School Publications, and for the Business Management of *The American Friend,* the Bible School Publications, and the Book and Supply House.

We recommend further that the proposed Board of Religious Education shall consist of one member from each Yearly Meeting, to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting delegations, and five members at large to be appointed by the Five Years Meeting, this Board to have charge of the promotion of the Bible School work, the encouragement of the reading of Friends' literature, and other forms of religious education through the various agencies of the church.

We recommend that the Five Years Meeting express appreciation of the work already so excellently done by most of our constituent Yearly Meetings in forming Executive Committees or similar Boards under other names to plan unitedly and to carry out unitedly the work of the Yearly Meeting and the work of the Five Years Meeting within the Yearly Meeting and its subordinate meetings. We would encourage all our constituent Yearly Meetings to form such Executive Committees composed of representatives of the different departments of work, and to make such arrangements as may seem to them wise for carrying this work down to the local meetings.

We recommend that the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting be hereafter constituted as follows: The presiding clerk of the Five Years Meeting, the chairman (or by appointment of the Board, some member other than the chairman) of each of our regularly established Boards, a representative of

the American Friends' Service Committee who is a member of the Five Years Meeting (either the chairman or some other member appointed by the committee), one representative for each Yearly Meeting not represented by the foregoing, and five members at large, to be appointed by the Five Years Meeting.

8. *Care of Aged and Infirm Ministers and Missionaries.*

The Committee has given attention to the need of funds to care for aged and infirm ministers and other Christian workers, and has provided that a certain share of the funds raised by the Forward Movement and later united campaigns be set aside for this purpose; by this means, chiefly, money has been accumulated, and the administration of the fund has remained in the hands of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee in accordance with the report made in 1917 (see minutes of 1917, pages 22 and 23.)

The total amount set aside for the use of the sub-committee in charge of this work within the five-year period is $8731.69. Of this amount, $3210.94 has been paid out to twenty-three individuals, leaving a balance on hand on June 30, 1922, of $5520.75.

The sub-committee in charge of this work has adopted the policy of administering the funds placed at their disposal only after investigating individual cases rather than through Yearly Meeting Committees. It is felt that this policy has been amply justified by the experience the sub-committee has had thus far. In all cases, the sub-committee has co-operated with the Yearly Meetings' Committees and has sought their advice.

9. *Amendments to the Constitution and Discipline of the Five Years Meeting.*

Minute number 97, page 100 (minutes of 1917), makes a recommendation in regard to a proposed amendment, providing that instead of unanimous consent being required before any amendment to the Uniform Discipline can become effective, four-fifths only of the Yearly Meetings are required.

In 1917 certain other amendments were also referred to the constituent Yearly Meetings for action.

Information that all of these amendments were duly approved was furnished by the General Secretary to the Executive Committee at its meeting held in April, 1919. We give here-

with a summary of that report, showing the dates on which each of these amendments, respectively, become effective:—

At its annual session in 1918, Canada Yearly Meeting adopted the amendment proposed by the Five Years Meeting in 1902 providing that a four-fifths majority of the Yearly Meetings is sufficient to amend the Uniform Discipline. Since the action of Canada Yearly Meeting makes the affirmative vote of the Yearly Meetings comprising the Five Years Meeting unanimous for the proposed amendment, the latter automatically went into effect on July 1, 1918, the date on which said action was taken by Canada Yearly Meeting.

Under the Discipline as thus amended, an affirmative vote of eleven Yearly Meetings is necessary to pass any proposed amendment. Since that number of Yearly Meetings has acted favorably on the four amendments handed down at the Five Years Meeting held in 1917, they are therefore adopted on the respective dates as set forth below:

1. Amendment submitted as an addition to the Uniform Discipline: "Do you make diligent effort to acquaint yourselves and those under your care with the spiritual needs of the world; and do you support by prayer and systematic giving those who are laboring to extend Christ's Kingdom?"

Effective on September 20, 1918, when affirmative action was taken by Indiana Yearly Meeting.

2. Amendment, in order to avoid duplication of reports and to prepare for more efficient organization of the work of the meetings, by the elimination from the Uniform Discipline of the following portions:

Part II, Chapter XIV, Section 1, Paragraph 6, the words: "It shall also report to such Quarterly Meeting a summary of the information received as to the spiritual condition and life of its congregations." Part II, Chapter XIV, Section 3, Paragraph 2, the words: "It shall receive reports from the Quarterly Meeting on Ministry and Oversight, covering the matters upon which they receive reports from the local Meetings on Ministry and Oversight."

Effective on September 20, 1918, when affirmative action was taken by Indiana Yearly Meeting.

3. Recommendation that the Five Years Meeting make

the ruling that Part IV of the Discipline, Chapter IV, in Departments of Work of the Five Years Meeting, be treated as business procedure and not subject to the regulations for amendment; and recommendation that the Yearly Meetings be asked to ratify this action.

Effective on November 18, 1918, when adopted by Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

4. Amendment providing that Chapter XI, Paragraph 2, of the Uniform Discipline concerning provisions as to the Five Years Meeting be changed to read:

"The Five Years Meeting shall be opened by the Clerk of the last meeting at 7:30 o'clock, P. M., on a Third Day of the Ninth or Tenth Month at a place to be designated by its own adjournment or by its Committee on Arrangements, and he shall occupy his position until his successor is appointed. In the event of the absence of the Clerk the First Assistant Clerk shall perform this service. If both are absent or if neither is a delegate, the Chairman of one of the Yearly Meeting delegations shall act as temporary clerk."

Effective by November 18, 1918, when adopted by Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

10. *Minor Matters.*

In addition to the above, many matters of business of minor importance have claimed the careful attention of the Committee, such as the authorization of messages and petitions to Government officials at critical junctures, and the appointment of representatives to attend the following interdenominational gatherings, namely:—

1. Federal Council of Churches.
   (1) Quadrennial Meeting.
   (2) Special Meetings.
   (3) Executive Committee Meetings.
   (4) Administrative Committee Meetings.
2. Conferences of the Interchurch World Movement.
3. Conference on Organic Union of the Churches.
4. World Conference on Faith and Order.
5. All Friends' Conference in London.
6. Congress of Churches on Reduction of Armaments.
7. Conference of Churches at Bluffton College, Bluffton, O.

8. Congress on International Co-operation and Meeting of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches.

SUGGESTIONS AND FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We suggest that the Five Years Meeting take action on the appointment of a certified public accountant to act for the next five-year period as auditor of all accounts, and to advise in regard to modification of the present system of accounting as the need for such modification may arise, with instructions to report annually or oftener to the Executive Committee.

2. We suggest that the Five Years Meeting appoint three Trustees to serve for the next five-year period or until their successors are appointed, with instructions to report at least once a year to the Executive Committee.

3. We recommend that the authorization given in minute number 80, page 89, (1917) regarding the appointment by the Executive Committee of delegates (members) and alternates to the Quadrennial meetings of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, be made the regular rule of procedure, and that the members so appointed shall be the Board of the Five Years Meeting on Church Federation, thus making unnecessary the appointment of a separate Board on Federation of Churches.

4. Since a final settlement of the obligations of the Five Years Meeting to the Inter-Church World Movement has up to this time been impossible on account of lack of information from some of the co-operating denominations regarding the results of the financial campaign authorized by that organization, and since, now, the Business Men's Committee having in charge the settlement of the affairs of the Inter-Church World Movement has assured our officers that any settlement which appears to Friends the right one will be accepted by that Committee as satisfactorily cancelling in full the obligation assumed by the Five Years Meeting, we recommend that the following report of a sub-committee which has investigated the matter be adopted, and that the Five Years Meeting authorize the settlement therein suggested, namely:—

"It is the judgment of the Committee that by the pay-

ment of $3,500 in addition to the $12,500 already paid, which will thus cover five per cent of our receipts ($318,318.17), underwritten for the year in which we co-operated with the Inter-Church, the obligations assumed by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting will be fully met. We recommend therefore, that the payment of this amount be authorized, said amount to be paid in installments from the Emergency and Contingent fund item of the United Budget, the amount of the separate installments and the time of payment to be determined by the Executive Committee."

5. The method of financing the Forward Movement was of necessity that of loans anticipating the receipt of money from the financial ingathering, since the Executive Committee had not been provided by the Five Years Meeting with any capital to inaugurate the new work, and to a certain extent the same method has been necessary in carrying on the work of united promotion since the Forward Movement as a separate organization ceased to exist. The Executive Committee from the first, however, approved the method as a temporary plan only, and on May 13, 1921, definitely placed on its minutes instructions that steps should be taken which would year by year reduce the amount to be provided by loans in advance of the financial ingathering, and in the near future result in the accumulation of a fund sufficient in amount to finance the work without recourse to loans.

In accordance with these instructions of May 13, 1921, a part of the Emergency and Contingent fund has been used since that time to reduce the amount of advance loans required, so that substantial progress has already been made in the direction indicated. Because of the adoption of this plan, and because also of the reorganization of the work so that expenses have been materially reduced within the past two years, the amount authorized by the Executive Committee as an advance loan for the United Campaign expenses for the current fiscal year (1922-23), is $10,710.00 as against $33,655.00 for the closing year of the Forward Movement as a separate organization (1920-21).

We recommend that the Five Years Meeting approve a continuation of the policy adopted by the Executive Committee in its minute of May 13, 1921, referred to above, to the end that

the method of financing the united work by means of advance loans may be made unnecessary as soon as possible and that a cash working capital be provided.

6. As a result of the work of the Committee for the past five-year period we have reached certain definite conclusions which we state below, recommending that the principles and general methods of work be approved by the Five Years Meeting as a basis on which the work of the church, as represented by the Five Years Meeting, may be carried on with hope of increasing the effiicency of our organized efforts and increasing also the ability of local meetings and individual members to do their part in showing forth the life of Christ to the world, viz.:—

(1) We recognize the general principle in planning the work of the church, that all lines or departments must be developed together. Since our Boards in general represent these different lines of work, we would apply this principle by saying that unless each Board receives its appropriate support not only the Board consciously neglected suffers, but all Boards suffer, and so the whole church suffers with it.

(2) Since intelligent and conscientious support can be given only on the basis of reliable information, we believe that some general plan of united publicity must be adopted and carried out, thus providing for a diffusion of knowledge regarding each department of the work of the church.

(3) Since the adequate support of the work of the church requires that some devote their entire time to distinctly religious service, and that all give both spiritual support by prayer and consecration, and financial support as they may be able, we believe that some general plan must be adopted and carried out by which all our members may come to know what is meant by the Christian view of Stewardship of Life, and Stewardship of Property.

(4) Since decisions as to choice of lines of Christian Service are not likely to be made by young men and women without seeing definite opportunities for such service open before them, we believe that some general plan must be adopted and carried out by which these definite opportunities for service shall be placed before our members, especially our young people, in such a way as to make it certain that our young men and women will see clearly not only the fields

white unto the harvest, but see also with some degree of clearness the particular way in which they can be of service in some especial field.

(5) Since men and women busy with heavy responsibilities may easily neglect to make plans to contribute adequately of their means to the work of the church, we believe that at least once in each year in each local meeting a day or a few days should be set aside after the general manner of the Every-Member-Canvass, when each member shall be asked to consider the needs of the work and his ability in relation thereto. We believe that in so far as it may be possible the same day or days should be chosen by the meetings in a given Yearly Meeting for this work.

(6) Since changing conditions from year to year make changes in the relative needs and opportunities of the several Boards, we believe that each year the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting should determine as carefully as may be possible the respective amounts which represent the needs of the Board for the ensuing year, and that this information should be furnished to all meetings. We believe further that except in case of some unforeseen crisis, no Board or agency of the Five Years Meeting should feel at liberty to make a widespread financial appeal without first consulting the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting and receive its approval in the matter.

(7) Since changing conditions from year to year in the respective meetings constituting the Five Years Meeting make changes in the relative ability of the membership to assume financial obligations, we believe that each meeting, each year should, with the information as to the needs of the church before it, decide what portion of the amounts approved as reasonable and necessary by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting it should assume obligation for, and when such decision is reached that the pledge thus made should be considered no less binding than any other business obligation and should be paid within the fiscal year.

(8) Finally, while we recognize the fact that each Yearly Meeting in the Five Years Meeting has within its own limits, needs and opportunities which might readily absorb all its efforts and all its financial resources, we nevertheless firmly

believe that just as no local meeting in a Yearly Meeting can adequately perform its local tasks without contributing a due share of its resources of men and money to the work carried on by its Yearly Meeting organization, so no Yearly Meeting can adequately meet the responsibilities within its limits without contributing a due share in men and money toward carrying out the broader plans and larger tasks which are considered and approved by the Five Years Meeting.

We recommend the foregoing statement of principles and general methods for adoption by the Five Years Meeting, with the further recommendation that they be brought officially before each of our constituent Yearly Meetings with the urgent request that each such Yearly Meeting co-operate fully in making the general plan outlined a working success.

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

ALLEN D. HOLE, *Chairman.*
WALTER C. WOODWARD, *Secretary.*

Richmond, Indiana, September 5, 1922.

After a brief devotional period the meeting adjourned to 3:00 P. M.

## FOURTH DAY, THE SIXTH
## 3:00 P. M.

The meeting assembled according to adjournment. A period of worship was observed.

29. James Wood reported that he and Timothy Nicholson had attended to the matter given them in charge, and had sent the following message of love on behalf of the meeting to Joseph J. Mills:—

To J. J. Mills,
525 S. Catalina Avenue, Pasadena, California.

The Five Years Meeting has appointed us to express to thee its deep regret at thy inability to attend this gathering. All the Chairmen of past Meetings are living and all are present except thyself. A precious unity prevails.

TIMOTHY NICHOLSON
JAMES WOOD.

30. The following recommendations were presented by the Business Committee:

(1) That the communication from Indiana Yearly Meeting relative to the sending of a "Message of Peace and Good-Will" be approved.

The proposition met with the approval of the meeting and was referred to the Business Committee with authority to prepare such a communication if way opens.

(2) That alternates have no standing other than that of other visitors, each Yearly Meeting delegation having authority as to the appointment of alternates in the place of absent delegates.

This ruling was approved by the meeting.

(3) That the Five Years Meeting continue its connection with and its financial support of $150.00 annually to the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and that the recommendation of the Executive Committee regarding the appointment of delegates and alternates to the Quadrennial Council of the Churches of Christ in America be made the regular rule of procedure; and that the members so appointed shall be the Board of the Five Years Meeting on Church Federation, thus making unnecessary the appointment of a separate Board on Federation of Churches.

This recommendation was approved.

(4) That only from such bodies as are invited by the Five Years Meeting to send them, shall fraternal delegates be recognized.

The recommendation was approved.

(5) That the minutes of John Henry Barlow of London Yearly Meeting and Joseph T. Wigham of Dublin Yearly Meeting be read to the Five Years Meeting, and that the report be made that similar minutes have been received for Henrietta Bulla, T. Edmund Harvey, Barrow Cadbury, Geraldine S. Cadbury, Dorothy Cadbury, Geraldine M. Cadbury, Henry T. Gillett, J. Rowntree Gillett, Charles B. Lamb, Charlotte G. Lamb, M. Catharine Albright and Herbert Corder.

This recommendation was approved and the credentials read as suggested.

(6) That the suggestion of Western Yearly Meeting that

plans be made for an appropriate celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of George Fox be approved and that the matter be referred with this approval to the Executive Committee.

This proposition was endorsed.

31. The minutes of previous meetings were read and, with some additions, approved.

32. The following statement from Kansas Yearly Meeting was read and referred to the Business Committee:—

Kansas Yearly Meeting submits the following Memorial to the Five Years Meeting and instructions to our delegates and members of its Boards:

*Kansas Yearly Meeting of Friends—*

1. Recognizes: The present appalling physical, moral and spiritual condition of the world so largely without Christ.

2. Recognizes: That the one remedy is "the Gospel," which is the power of God unto salvation. "For therein is revealed the righteousness of God from faith unto faith." Friends have no new Gospel nor new message.

3. Recognizes: That the three-fold Declaration of Faith as contained in "Essential Truths," as contained in our uniform discipline Chapter II, Section I, "The Declaration of Faith," issued by the Richmond Conference in 1887, and "George Fox's Letter to the Governor of Barbadoes," is the doctrinal basis upon which the Yearly Meeting established the Five Years Meeting, and which was subsequently approved by the Five Years Meeting itself. All ministers, teachers, missionaries, and other persons holding official positions, in the Five Years Meeting, should therefore substantially accord in their views with the teachings contained therein.

4. Recognizes: That the Five Years Meeting possesses "full jurisdiction over all matters delegated to it by the Constitution and Discipline," and also "Advisory Supervsion of the Interests of the Denomination," in order to encourage fellowship in which there is unity of faith, life and service.

5. Recognizes: That it is the purpose and function of the Five Years Meeting: (a) to unite the Yearly Meetings within it to do successfully the united task of the Society of Friends at home and abroad; and (b) to assist each Yearly Meeting as a

unit in its highest possible development and growth in itself and throughout its meetings.

6. Recognizes: The importance and necessity of central boards and committees in the Five Years Meeting in order to unify and promote the departments of work. But the work should be, as far as practicable, developed through the Yearly Meetings, constantly with a view to efficiency and economy. These Central Boards should not assume to exercise the rights and privileges which belong alone to the Yearly Meetings.

7. Recognizes: That the primary task of the Society of Friends is EVANGELIZATION AT HOME AND ABROAD. Kansas Yearly Meeting also heartily indorses and unites with that humanitarian and philanthropic work of the Society, which is an essential part of its Gospel Mission. Herewith should be strongly emphasized the Christianization of Industrial and International Relations.

8. Recommends: That the Five Years Meeting at this time recognize and approve the three-fold Declaration of Faith as contained in "Essential Truths," as contained in our uniform discipline Chapter II, Section I, "The Declaration of Faith," issued by the Richmond Conference in 1887, and "George Fox's Letter to the Governor of Barbadoes," and *instruct its Publication Board to issue in attractive pamphlet form an imprint edition of these related documents as the authorized Declaration of Faith of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America.*

9. Recognizes: The place and value of a Church Paper on a basis in complete harmony with the declared doctrines of our church; a paper aggressively evangelical and kindly sympathetic, and one which will inspire deep spirituality and sacrificial service, because it contains a sufficient amount of spiritual material of an expository and devotional nature, one that shall be representative of the Boards and their interests and of the general interests of the church and one that shall thoroughly represent the thought of the whole church. Also, that the Publication Board shall be responsible for and provide for the editing and publishing of such a paper.

10. Recognizes: That while the methods of the Young Friends' Board are to be appreciated, it is regretted that the Board in its organization, and the Young Friends' Activities under its direction, are based, not so much upon the most fundamental and essential principles of Christianity, as upon a Social basis.

We recommend that in the re-organization of the Board and in the Young Friends' future activities, the program be in keeping with these indispensable principles of Christian life and service.

Kansas Yearly Meeting earnestly desires that the Five Years Meeting shall foster among the Friends of America and among all other evangelical churches as never before, the genuine fellowship in God through Jesus Christ; and that it shall be in word and works a part of the evangelizing forces of the Church of Jesus Christ.

And we ask our delegates and members of the boards to use their best endeavors to have the Boards of the Five Years Meeting so organized as to command the confidence of those who feel that the former executives and secretaries have in some cases overstepped their authority.

(Signed) EDMUND STANLEY, *Presiding Clerk.*

33. Walter C. Woodward presented his report as General Secretary of the Five Years Meeting, and reviewed the activities and achievements of the past five years, giving numerous reasons for encouragement. The report which is as follows was approved:—

## REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY

Following the last quinquennial session, the Central Office set to work to carry out the comprehensive program of the Five Years Meeting which had been adopted. The immediate and preliminary step seemed obvious: to carry the message of the body to the membership; to acquaint the latter with the projected work of the Five Years Meeting and to inspire it with something of the spirit behind the proposed program.

This was attempted in different ways. The most carefully planned, definite and thoroughgoing effort was that embodied in "American Quakerism Week" which was observed in March of 1918. Weeks and even months were spent in preparation for it. As expressed by a New England Friend, this was the first time that any concerted action of this kind on behalf of Quakerism in America had ever been undertaken.

Letters setting forth the purposes of the Week were sent

out to pastors, evangelistic superintendents, chairmen of the Yearly Meeting delegations and to lists of non-resident members. Plans for the observance were fully outlined and the active co-operation of all made as inviting and easy as possible. A Quaker Questionnaire, covering a wide range of subject matter having to do with Quaker history and the Five Years Meeting as a growing concern, proved to be one of the most happy and effective hits of the publicity campaign. Whole congregations and Sunday Schools took it up as a basis of study, from which most enthusiastic reports came in concerning the new interest aroused and the information imparted.

Printed material distributed for use during the Week included 20,000 copies of the Five Year Program; 15,750 eight page folders giving the general scope of the organization of the Five Years Meeting and presenting statements of its work through the various Boards; 27,000 six page *American Friend* circulars and 10,000 sample copies of the church paper. To help spiritualize the observance of the Week itself, we prepared a series of prayer topics and bible readings, first put forth through *The American Friend* and later reproduced in one of the foregoing folders.

The whole resources of *The American Friend* were so organized, throughout the period of preparation, as to bear directly upon the great enterprise in hand. The whole policy of the paper was moulded to the one end, from the editorial to the news pages. In the period we prepared 31 different display advertisements, some of them full page, setting forth the spirit of the Week.

We give these details to show with what thoroughness and seriousness the work of carrying out the program was undertaken. We were deeply conscious of the significance and moment of the project. For in addition to the immediate need of arousing the church to a new consciousness of its mission and of assuming its responsibility therein, there was the underlying problem as to whether Friends, so fundamentally individualistic, could be brought to unite in that harmonious effort commonly termed "team work," without which no far-reaching program could be executed.

The results were reassuring. More than one-half of the active local meetings participated in the activities of the Week.

Reports which came from them breathed the spirit of broader vision, better understanding and new purpose. Particularly was this true in scores of our smaller, country meetings, to which the Five Years Meeting and its work were hardly more than a name. More than 1700 new subscribers to *The American Friend* were secured, thus making the church paper a better medium of information and inspiration. A good beginning had been made in getting the program of the church before its membership.

In addition to this effort and to the continual presentation of the interests of the work through correspondence and through the columns of *The American Friend*, the General Secretary spent a good deal of time during 1918 in the field, attending Yearly Meetings and workers' conferences and presenting personally the message and program of the Five Years Meeting. We found an encouraging and co-operative attitude toward the work of the larger body—an attitude doubtless encouraged and made more manifest by the reports made by the respective delegations, of the sessions of the Five Years Meeting held the preceding October. In reporting to the Executive Committee the apparent steadily growing interest in the larger organization and of a greater readiness to support its enterprises, we made, however, this significant statement: "The Yearly Meeting machinery for promoting these enterprises, having to do particularly with the finances, leaves much to be desired." This leads us to the financial phase of the proposed program.

At its session in 1917, the Five Years Meeting established a Home Mission Board and set before it a formidable program. Appreciating the fact that neither the new Board nor any of the Boards, could make bricks without straw, an effort was made in the face of the Meeting to raise an annual fund of $10,000 for the support of the work. This sum was approximated by subscriptions, the latter for the most part being made by Yearly Meeting delegations. Upon these as a basis the Boards proceeded to outline their work. One of the features of American Quakerism Week, projected at least, was the presentation in the Yearly Meetings, through the respective delegations responsible for the pledges given, of the financial needs of the Boards, for the purpose of actually raising the money that had been subscribed. This phase of the Week was but indifferently successful.

At its meeting in April, following the quinquennial session in October, the Executive Committee, coming under a sense of the inadequacy of the amount subscribed for carrying on the work, instructed the officers of the Committee to impress upon the delegations the great desirability of increasing the amounts which had been subscribed by them. This was done through correspondence from the Central Office.

Various methods of raising the money were tried in the different Yearly Meetings. Some delegations succeeded in getting the amount subscribed incorporated in the Yearly Meeting budget. With the Yearly Meeting coming nearly one year following the Five Years Meeting, and with the usual deferred payments of Yearly Meeting "stock," this meant a delay of practically two years before remittances on the pledges would be made. Other delegations attempted to raise the sum by general subscription; others by dividing the amount among the quarterly meetings and yet others let the matter go by default. In a word, for the want of any system for raising money for the support of our united benevolent work, the thing fell down. By the middle of the second year following the 1917 session, but little more than half of the amount pledged had been paid on the first year and nothing on the second, then half gone. As a result the Boards faced the possibility of having to suspend operations or of curtailing their work so radically as to nullify the program which had been outlined by the Five Years Meeting for their accomplishment. That Program began to look like "a scrap of paper."

This was the general situation that existed eighteen months following the Five Years Meeting of 1917. Feeling its burden, we took the initiative in calling numerous small informal conferences of such Friends as were accessible for the purpose of considering the situation with a view to seeking the way out. This is the background and the explanation of the Forward Movement of Friends.

### The Forward Movement

In April, 1919, the Executive Committee authorized the launching of the Forward Movement and appointed a Forward Movement Committee to have supervision of it, of which the General Secretary was made Chairman. At the same time there

appeared before the Executive Committee a representative of the Interchurch World Movement, then in its inception, who set forth its scope and purpose. It proposed to do for the Protestant Churches as a whole what the Forward Movement wished to do for Friends. As the weeks passed, it seemed logical, if not imperative, that Friends adjust their plans with those of the Interchurch in the common cause.

While we cannot rehearse here in detail the various steps and operations in the course of the Forward Movement, we deem it desirable to present a comprehensive summary thereof. The work projected was so thoroughgoing and of such proportions that it seemed necessary to care for it through an emergency organization. Pres. Levi T. Pennington was secured from Pacific College to become the Director and Sylvester Jones from the Foreign Mission Board, the Associate Director of the Forward Movement. For short periods of time other Friends gave their attention to specific departments of the work. Prompt action was taken in presenting the spirit and purpose of the Movement to the various Yearly Meetings whose interest and co-operation were enlisted. Early in 1920 a campaign of field conferences was started, covered by two flying squadrons of speakers, one covering the East and the other the West. The general plan was that of holding a central conference in a Yearly Meeting, attended by the entire squadron sent out from Forward Movement headquarters, this to be followed by secondary conferences held by Yearly Meeting leaders and one member of the squadron, after which the Yearly Meeting workers were to carry the message throughout the local meetings.

More detailed promotion plans provided for the division of the local meetings into promotion groups, through the leaders of which literature was distributed and the plans of the Forward Movement got to the individual families and members. Each meeting was asked to send in lists of its non-resident members to whom letters might be written and literature sent from the Forward Movement office. The names of about 5,000 such were received, representing an aggregate of from two to three times as many members, to whom the Forward Movement message and appeal were given. Of the 693 meetings and outposts in the Five Years Meeting, 312 were organized into a total of 1470 promotion groups whose leaders represented 11,236 families, thus

reaching an aggregate of from 35,000 to 45,000 members. This did not realize the ideal of reaching the last man, woman and child in the Five Years Meeting, but it did represent the first serious attempt to do so.

Dire as were the financial needs, they were not placed foremost in the Forward Movement. Attention was first given to deepening the prayer life of the membership through the fellowship of intercession; to a clearer realization of the claims and responsibilities of stewardship, first of life and second of possessions. This latter task was approached in a general way, through literature and addresses and specifically through deputations which visited our schools and colleges, presenting the call of the church to our young people. The Forward Movement also encouraged in every way possible evangelistic effort throughout the Five Years Meeting, setting apart definite seasons therefor. In reporting to the Executive Committee on the achievements of the Forward Movement at the close of the year, the Director said: "Whatever may seem to Friends to be the success or failure of the financial campaign, it is unquestionable that the spiritual gains of the Movement outweigh the material."

Fired with the enthusiasm of the hour, made contagious by the simultaneous action of the other denominations, yet after careful and prayerful consideration both by the Executive Committee and by a conference of representative leaders from all the constituent Yearly Meetings, those representatives of the different agencies of the Five Years Meeting and of the various Yearly Meetings, charged with responsibility in the matter, agreed upon the sum of $1,000,000 for the maintenance for one year of our united benevolent work. At the same time, the launching of an endowment campaign for $3,000,000 for our educational institutions was approved.

Following an intensive period of prepartaion, the simultaneous financial campaign was put on in April, 1920, in which approximately 175 meetings actively participated. From the mere point of view of the financial goal, the effort was about one third successful, the sustaining funds secured amounting to $318,318.17. When the aforementioned spiritual achievements are borne in mind, however, and the fact that as a result of the Forward Movement every Board and agency of the Five Years

Meeting had more funds than ever before in their history the degree of success of the Movement is really appreciated.

The difficulties of time and space, occasioned in part by the close connection with the Interchurch Movement, seemed to require certain high pressure measures which were stigmatized as un-Quakerly by some and which were the source of much criticism, some of which was doubtless well grounded. In order to remove this cause of offense, representatives appointed by the Yearly Meetings for the specific service were called to Richmond for consultation as to the plans to be followed for the second year's united effort. It was *their* decision which was accepted by the Executive Committee as the basis of procedure for the year 1920-21. According to that decision, while the united movement, heartily endorsed, was to continue, it was to be decentralized to the extent that the Yearly Meetings themselves were to assume the responsibility for actually prosecuting the financial ingathering at the time best suited to each.

After much revising and reduction of estimates, both on the part of the Boards and the Executive Committee, the latter fixed the United Budget at $357,894.73, with an auxiliary budget for building projects of the two Mission Boards of $146,810. Of the former amount the various Yearly Meetings assumed as their responsibility an aggregate of $336,543.

With a greatly reduced staff, the united work was promoted along much the same lines as during the previous year. The chief feature of education and promotion was that of a series of stereopticon lectures on the work of the Five Years Meeting which were widely given throughout the Yearly Meetings. Another feature was a special edition of the Handbook containing a comprehensive description of the Boards and their work which served as the basis of work for study classes.

In the actual financial canvass for the United Budget, the chief dependence had to be placed upon the Yearly Meeting authorities in accordance with the plan adopted for the year. The Forward Movement Committee could advise and co-operate, but not direct. While the Yearly Meetings had assumed the responsibility they proved unable to discharge it successfully. Although the spirit of co-operation was more general than during the preceding year, the tangible results were far less. This was due in part to the general economic depression but also to the

lack of established organization in the Yearly Meetings for putting through such a program. But one or two Yearly Meetings were able to perfect and execute plans for prosecuting a really successful financial campaign for the united work. Instead of a simultaneous campaign, efforts by the various Yearly Meetings were either inconclusively elongated or postponed from month to month, until little was done. The total receipts for the year amounted to $164,231.85.

While the immediate effect has been discouraging, the lesson learned is proving helpful. As a result encouraging action is already being taken by different Yearly Meetings in the direction of better systematizing their machinery for promoting and financing the united work of the whole church and co-ordinating their machinery with that of the Five Years Meeting. A word of encouragement from the larger body would doubtless further stimulate such co-operative action.

With the preparations for the third year of united effort, a further step was taken in removing the objection of over-centralization and in placing the responsibility directly upon the membership. This is involved in the Self-Apportionment Plan whereby the local meetings, after having been fully acquainted with the needs of the work, are asked to apportion for themselves and contribute what they consider to be their share of the common task. The success of such a plan depends very largely, of course, upon the thoroughness of educational and inspirational preparation. The main feature of this provision for this year is represented by the attractively printed "Quaker Trails" series, edited by the General Secretary, who wrote the introductory story to the series, "Keepers of the Quaker Trails." The series was so warmly received and widely distributed that three printings were required.

The success of this year's effort cannot yet be gauged, but the returns so far received are encouraging. The meetings which have reported their undertakings in accordance with the Self-Apportionment Plan show an increase of about ten percent over their givings of last year. It is fully realized that the perfection of such a plan to the extent of securing a general response will take time and will be stimulated in proportion as the Yearly Meeting organizations themselves become better and better pre-

pared to co-operate with the Central Office in getting adequate response from the local meetings.

With the close of the second year, action was taken looking toward the discontinuance of the extra organization, the Forward Movement being incorporated in the regular organization. From the inception of the Movement, the General Secretary as Chairman of the Forward Movement Committee and directly responsible for a great part of the publicity connected with it, had devoted much of his time thereto. Now the whole promotion of the united work is lodged in the Central Office, the immediate direction of which is in the hands of the Assistant General Secretary, Sylvester Jones.

With all the elements of success and failure, what have been the positive achievements of the united movement? We would name these as outstanding:

1. The development of a sense of common responsibility for a united task.

2. The unifying of our objective in bringing the whole field before the whole church.

3. The establishment of the principle of a united financial appeal superseding the many and confusing calls from the individual agencies of the Five Years Meeting.

4. The marked stimulation of giving to the benevolent work of the church, whereby, under the present united plan, some meetings are doubling and trebling their previous contributions.

### Following the Five Year Program

Naturally, the activities of the greater part of the quinquennial period have been largely shaped by the united, forward movement heretofore sketched. It is significant, however, that those activities have so generally applied toward the fulfillment of the Five Year Program adopted in 1917. The whole intent and inspiration of the Forward Movement were to strengthen the "Foundation Principles or Underlying Essentials," which were named as the preface to the Program. As already pointed out the Movement was primarily a spiritual enterprise.

First to be listed under "Some Policies and Methods to be Emphasized," was "Development of a Home Mission Field and Policy." Obviously this has been the immediate task of the new Home Mission Board, whose striking attainments are set forth

in its own illuminating report. During the first half of the period the Central Office co-operated actively with the Board, particularly in that part of the Program which calls for "the better co-ordination of those Home Mission activities which have to do with our work with the Indians, Negroes and foreigners." Both the General Secretary and Assistant Secretary, Ruthanna M. Simms, addressed themselves to this task, first in helping bring into closer relationship the new Board and the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs, and second, in helping widen the base of Southland Institute for Negroes by making it a Five Years Meeting Institution and thus enlarging its support. Since for the first two years and a half, the Home Mission Board had no Executive Secretary the Assistant Secretary of the Central Office gave more and more of her attention to that phase of the work until she was finally giving practically her whole time to its interests, not only as above indicated, but in working on church extension problems, serving as representative of Home Mission enterprises on Life Work Deputations to our educational institutions and also in assisting the Board in its administrative work in organizing its activities. In April, 1920 she assumed the responsibilities of an Executive Secretary under the Home Mission Board.

The second and third phases of policies to be promoted, "Education for Leadership" and "A Wider Circulation of Friends Literature" have been promoted by different Boards, in co-operation with the Central Office. For example, we have co-operated with the Board of Education in enlarging the support of our colleges; with the Young Friends Board in the supplying and printing of suitable material for young people's study groups; with the Publication Board in extending the circulation of *The American Friend.*

The fourth and financial phase of the Program has been embodied in the objectives of the Forward Movement which has continually emphasized the budget system and the every member canvass.

Measured by the degree of achievement of the specific goals which were set five years ago, we cannot claim to have attained in all things, yet even judged by this rigid standard there is much to encourage:

1. Instead of increasing our membership to 100,000, we

have decreased from 88,061 to 85,612. While this is disconcerting, it is undoubtedly true that the gains within the period have been considerably greater than the losses actually sustained within the period. It is significant that the heavy losses have been suffered by Yearly Meetings of the Middle West in which rather drastic readjustment of membership lists has taken place, due to the adoption of the per capita basis of making assessments. This quinquennial period is thus made to bear the brunt of the loss of a great array of names of those who as a matter of fact have for long years been counted as among the wounded and the missing. It is encouraging to note that the last year shows a gain of nearly one thousand members over the preceding year.

2. This goal has been substantially reached, there having been an annual increase of 15 per cent or more in gifts to Foreign Missions. The percentage of variance has not been uniform, the receipts for 1921, for instance, being less than those of 1920. But in taking the aggregate gifts for the five years, the total represents an annual increase of 15 per cent.

3. Figures are not at hand whereby we can check up the ministers and missionaries each year entering upon courses of advanced training. There is little doubt, however, that the attendance of our young people in college has been appreciably stimulated. Toward this end the Board of Education did a fine piece of work in co-operative publicity directed towards encouraging young people to go to college. The Life Work Deputations, consisting of representatives of the two Mission Boards and the Young Friends Board have done splendid service in keeping the claims of active religious service before the young people of our schools and colleges and have been instrumental in encouraging many to pursue special training for such work.

4. The subscription list of *The American Friend* is practically what it was five years ago. By making a special subscription rate, an intensive drive for subscriptions made as a part of American Quakerism Week in 1918, secured some 1700 new subscribers. But a relatively small proportion of these renewed at the regular rate. Another subscription campaign netted one thousand subscribers. The introduction of the government regulation providing for automatic discontinuance of subscribers failing to renew, means a slowly but steadily declining subscription list unless offset by a program of vigorous subscription

campaigns. Such a program has not been possible with the Publication Board because of the limitation of its business staff. For the past year or two the economic depression has been chiefly responsible for the loss of subscribers. Expressions of appreciation of the paper have greatly increased during the past two years.

5. One of the distinct results of the Forward Movement has been the promotion of the every member canvass and the encouragement of the differentiation of money for ourselves and for others, through the use of the duplex envelope. While of course the goal of getting these features adopted by every meeting has not been reached, a great step forward has been taken throughout the church. The great variations of the Every Member Canvass in vogue make it difficult to get accurate figures as to the definite extent of its use.

While not related to a specific goal, it is encouraging to note, from figures painstakingly compiled by Charles E. Tebbetts, that the aggregate amounts raised by the Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting for all church purposes, have steadily increased during the quinquennial period. The combined total, so far as could be determined, was $616,517 for 1917 and $1,002,002 for 1921, the grand total for the whole period being $4,075,589.

## The Friends Central Offices

Five years ago the only Boards having rented office headquarters in Richmond were the Foreign Mission and Young Friends Boards, together with the recently established Central Office. In 1918 the offices of the Publication and Bible School Boards were added, the five agencies being scattered through three buildings, on different streets. Economy of operation and unity of work required if possible that the Boards be housed together. For this purpose a commodious and well located residence property was acquired in November, 1918. After the necessary remodeling and improvements had been completed, the Boards moved into their new home and work-shop in June, 1919. Since that time the work of adjustment and co-ordination has steadily progressed. Instead of acting independently of each other and often duplicating work, and at times working at cross purposes, there is now a definite policy of mutual understanding and practical co-operation. Staff councils and advisory committee meetings of office executives are held weekly and for

short periods daily, under the leadership of the Central Office, when common policies are arrived at and courses of action determined upon.

An illustration may be offered as concrete evidence of practical co-operation. Formerly the different Boards had their own mimeograph and duplicating equipment for getting out uniform letters and circulars, or, as was often the case, sent their work out to commercial houses. Now, there is one mimeograph and multigraph equipment, the property of the Central Office, but used by all the Boards, at a nominal rate to cover upkeep and replacement. Furthermore, when housed together, it is possible for the Boards to work to mutual advantage in the adjustment of office and stenographic help. The united budget movement has done much toward bringing the Boards into more intimate working relationship.

On the recommendation of the Auditor and Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting a system of uniform accounting was installed in 1921, whereby the books and accounts of the agencies of the Five Years Meeting are rapidly becoming systematized and unified. A summary statement concerning the Accounting department will give some idea of the content and scope of this important phase of our united work. Nineteen books in all are kept: journal and ledger each for the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, Young Friends and Bible School Boards and for the Five Years Meeting Assessment and Five Years Meeting United Budget Funds; sales book and sales ledger for the Bible School Board; cash books for Central Offices rotary fund and petty cash drawer; and a trial balance book.

The banking scheme includes accounts in four different banks as follows: Five Years Meeting Assessment and United Budget and Central Offices rotary Funds and Bible School Board in Second National Bank, Richmond; Foreign Mission Account in Dickinson Trust Company, Richmond; Home Mission Account in Equitable Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.; Young Friends Account in Henry County Bank, Spiceland, Indiana. This means seven bank statement reconciliations and six trial balances each month.

The total number of entries required by these various departments for one year, ending June 30, 1922, is as follows: Foreign Missions 1705; Home Missions 358; Young Friends 290; Five Years Meeting Assessment Funds 1069; Five Years Mee-

ing United Budget Funds 1192; Bible School Board 1528, making a total of 6142 journal entries and approximately one half that number of postings. Postings from sales book and cash book to customers' ledger of Bible School Board were: order blanks 2467, sales tickets 3483 and cash book 4747, making a total of 10,697.

In addition and supplementary to information already given, certain statements should be made further indicative of the general nature of the work of the Central Office.

### Workers' Service Bureau

From the beginning of the period we have interested ourselves in the needs of our field from the point of view of personnel and have co-operated as fully as possible in getting these needs supplied. In the home field this work has had to do chiefly in aiding meetings to secure suitable pastors, on the one hand, and in aiding pastors to find suitable fields, on the other. The real help we have been enabled to render in this direction is a source of much satisfaction.

In the foreign field, service has been rendered by the General Secretary in his capacity as Chairman of the Candidates' Committee of the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions.

### Clearing House of Information

In accordance with one of the chief purposes in establishing a Central Office, we have endeavored to serve more and more as a clearing house of Quaker information. Some of the more clearly defined phases may be outlined:

1. We have prepared and issued two editions of the combined handbook and directory. In addition to the general information concerning Friends as a whole and the organizations of the Five Years Meeting in particular, we collected data for a comprehensive directory of congregations giving name and location of meetings, time of services, transportation facilities, name of pastor or resident minister, and name of one other representative resident member. This detailed information is for the purpose of making it easy for Friends who travel over the country to be able to keep in touch with Friends meetings as much as possible.

2. Since the incorporation of the united movement activities in the regular organization, the Central Office has issued a number of joint informational publications:

(1) One year ago we published the first annual joint report of the Boards to the constituent Yearly Meetings—a forty page booklet setting forth under one cover the actual work of the Five Years Meeting for the year. The reports of the Boards were prefaced by an extended statement by the General Secretary, presented for the purpose of interpreting to Friends generally our united activities, and stimulating the support of them.

(2) This year instead of issuing the second annual edition of the joint report, we published the Quaker Trails series in the spring for the promotion of local congregational support of the united work under the Self-Apportionment Plan.

(3) In order that those having to do directly with finance in the various Yearly Meetings may have direct information as to the financial condition of the Boards we have for the past year been issuing quarterly financial statements to finance committees, treasurers and to other representative Friends.

3. Rather frequent inquiries have come from people desiring to know of the beliefs and policy of Friends. These we have answered with personal letters and with publications available for distribution. The better to fill this need with a comprehensive statement, we published in pamphlet form the series of articles by Samuel L. Haworth, entitled "Brief Studies in Quaker Principles and Practice."

4. Friends themselves have gradually come to turn to the Central Office for information of all kinds, concerning Friends and Friends work.

5. The Central Office has acted as a source of information to other denominations and in particular to the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, of which the Five Years Meeting is a constituent body. It has formed the connecting link, has furnished statements of Friends principles and supplied data covering our work.

In addition to those matters which thus lend themselves roughly to division, the Central Office has become somewhat of a "residuary legatee," for the handling of various miscellaneous matters which do not seem to belong elsewhere.

### Good Literature and Promotion

One of the very important features of the Five Years Meeting Program had to do with the encouragement of good literature—both general and Friendly. For the stimulation of worthwhile reading in the general field, we have arranged and published, both in *The American Friend* and in the handbook, carefully prepared lists of books and periodicals. We have introduced book reviews. We have co-operated with the Friends Book and Supply House in stimulating the purchase of good books. Last fall we got out a special book number of *The American Friend* in which emphasis was placed upon selected and well interpreted lists of the best books for children.

We have already mentioned several publications having to do with Friends, and of a promotional character in part, which we have published. In addition to these should be cited "Thirteen as One—A Pageant of United Friendly Service," by Gertrude Simms Hodgson, an inspirational presentation of the Five Years Meeting, for use of our meetings. A Stewardship Referendum, arranged by the Assistant General Secretary, "by which a meeting can discover the mind and practice of its members as to the stewardship of possessions," was widely circulated among local meetings and attracted the attention of other denominations.

### The American Friend

Through an arrangement between the Executive Committee and the Publication Board, the General Secretary has been charged with the editorial management of *The American Friend.* It has followed of course that this important responsibility, requiring continuous attention, has prevented him from discovering and developing certain features of secretarial service. On the other hand, in view of the developments of the period, unified direction of the church organ and the work of the Central Office has proved very advantageous. It has placed at the disposal of the General Secretary the one great channel of publicity and opinion for the promotion of the program of the Five Years Meeting and the work for which he had been made responsible.

### Field Work

A part of the work of the General Secretary has been the visiting of the constituent Yearly Meetings, not only for the

purpose of carrying the message of the Five Years Meeting, but also to get the mind and spirit of the Yearly Meetings and to interpret them to the church as a whole. We have attempted this service of interpretation in a general way through the columns of *The American Friend,* editorially, and by less serious but perhaps none the less illuminating comment. We have performed this service consistently, believing that we have thus been able in a measure at least, to interpret American Quakerism, as included within the Five Years Meeting, in terms of the whole. We trust that from such visitation and observations a better understanding and appreciation of conditions among Friends in different parts of the country has resulted, to the end that Friends as a body may be better able to move forward to meet new situations more understandingly and more sympathetically.

The General Secretary has also attended subordinate meetings, workers' conferences, meetings of special bodies, American Friends Service Committee meetings and inter-denominational gatherings.

With the launching of the Forward Movement and the development of the united work the impelling need of keeping in close contact and understanding with the Yearly Meetings has necessitated increased visitation. Since the inclusion of the direction of the united work in the Central Office, the field work has been done largely by the Assistant General Secretary.

### Attendance Upon the London Conference

In the summer of 1920, the General Secretary, together with the Presiding Clerk, were the official representatives of the Five Years Meeting at the World's Conference of All Friends held in London, both serving on the Business Committee of the Conference, the former acting as its secretary so long as his other duties would permit. He was a member of the Conference Editorial Committee which handled the publicity of the Conference and arranged for editing and publishing the official proceedings. He was also made a member of the Continuation Committee, charged with the responsibility of extending the message and spirit of the Conference and conserving its results. He may be said to have represented the Five Years Meeting on

the program, in the presentation of one of the formal papers by which the discussions were opened.

In these and other and more informal ways the General Secretary established contacts which have proved valuable in helping to co-ordinate the interests and activities of the Five Years Meeting with those of World Quakerism as a whole.

### Relationship with American Friends Service Committee

As a member and an associate secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, the General Secretary has attended its meetings as circumstances allowed, has kept in as close touch with the work as possible and has promoted it both editorially and otherwise to the extent of his ability. He has attempted to make the Central Office a western radiating center of sympathetic interest and support of the work. In his visit to the scenes of the A. F. S. C. activities in France and Germany in 1920, he gathered first hand facts and impressions which have made him more effective in bringing before our membership the unprecedented opportunity which faces Friends for rendering an epoch-making contribution to the peace of the world.

### A Glance at the Future

Experience has taught us that it is rather difficult if not presumptuous to outline by chapter and verse a program of action five years in advance. Certainly such is not the province of this report. In concluding we make but one suggestion relative to our future work. In the light of past failures and achievements, we have a growing concern that our emphasis should be placed more and more upon the nurture of our children in Quaker principles and in the life and work of the Church. This does not preclude at all the more general work of evangelism. It is becoming increasingly evident, however, that the world is in need of the distinctive message which is the Friendly interpretation of Christian truth. *That message can never be delivered by unconvinced Friends.* If it is to be given it will be by those who are now coming on in our homes and bible schools. Theoretically, we know this to be true. Practically we have not yet acted as though we believe it. Is it not here that the big task yet awaits us?

Respectfully submitted,

Walter C. Woodward, *General Secretary.*

34. The American Friends' Service Committee's report was presented by Wilbur K. Thomas, Executive Secretary of the Committee. Additional information was given by Wilbur K. Thomas and the very great necessity for continuance of the work emphasized. Another extreme drought in Russia makes a famine there during the approaching winter inevitable. The report was satisfactory to the meeting and is as follows:—

## REPORT OF THE AMERICAN FRIENDS' SERVICE COMMITTEE

*To the Five Years Meeting of Friends:*

Dear Frends: The American Friends' Service Committee was organized in June 1917, just previous to the last meeting of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America. Its first work was to bring relief to the civilian peoples of France and to enable the young men and women of the Society of Friends to give expression to their desire to render service to their country and to the world in a time of need. For the first three years the work in France claimed the most of our attention. The work consisted of building temporary houses for French peasants, whose homes had been destroyed, caring for the sick in and out of the hospitals, conducting a Maternity Hospital at Chalons-sur-Marne, raising and distributing rabbits, chickens and bees to the peasant people.

With the close of the war the Friends turned their attention to relief work in other countries and very soon found that they had a wonderful opportunity to help bind up the wounds of war and to give expression to a spirit of world brotherhood. Units were sent to Germany, Austria, Serbia, Poland and Russia. These workers tried to give expression to that spirit of good will toward men which was revealed in Jesus. The funds received have been the means of saving life and furthering that spirit of brotherhood which refuses to recognize the artificial boundaries of race or creed. Hatred, revenge or aloofness have had no part in such a program. The Service Committee workers have tried to convey to the peoples with whom they work the

thought that the only way to prevent war and its attendant suffering was to follow the teachings of Jesus.

The American Friends' Service Committee has been supported by all groups of Friends in America, Cuba, Mexico, Alaska and Japan. Throughout the period we have worked in closest accord with the English Friends.

### France

The year 1922 finds us completing the Chalons Maternity Hospital at Chalons-sur-Marne, France. It has been built, equipped and partially endowed for a period of ten years at a total cost of approximately 1,500,000 francs. The American Red Cross has made very substantial contributions by equipping the Dispensary and appropriating 25,000 francs toward the physical equipment of the Hospital. The new building was ready for occupancy the first of June, and the formal dedication in the presence of representatives of the French Government and of English and American Friends took place June seventeenth.

### Germany

Very soon after the Armistice Carolena M. Wood, Jane Addams and Dr. Alice Hamilton went into Germany as our representatives to study conditions and find out what was needed to help bind up the wounds of war. They found an appalling condition among the children and as an outgrowth of their report and the work which they instituted, Mr. Herbert Hoover turned over to our Committee enough food to feed approximately 600,000 a day for a year and a half. Later on the Americans of German descent collected $1,300,000 to support the work. The highest number of children fed at any one time was 1,010,000 and altogether somewhere around 2,500,000 children have received one good meal a day for a period of several months. The German Government co-operated most heartily in the work of supplying all of the flour and sugar for the feeding, granting free transportation, free telephone, etc., and at one time over 40,000 German people were assisting in the work without charge.

We withdrew from Germany on July 31st, 1922, and turned over all of the work to the Deutsche Zentralausschusz, a committee appointed by the German Government to carry on the child feeding work for some time to come.

## Austria

The work in Austria has been carried on mainly along five lines:

1st—Feeding of children under six years of age and nursing and expectant mothers.

2nd—Distribution of clothing.

3rd—Increase in the milk supplies for babies' and children's hospitals.

4th—Relief for the salaried, professional and pensioned classes.

5th—Agricultural Reconstruction.

The supplying of a balanced ration to under-nourished children under six years of age has been the greatest piece of work. Under this plan, mothers whose children were too young to go to the American Relief Administration feeding stations drew a fortnightly ration from a central depot. Bi-monthly medical examinations, and visits to the homes by the workers controlled the use of this food. During 1921 and 1922, only children under four years of age, and nursing and expectant mothers, were supplied with rations.

Clothing has been furnished at a very low price to families whose children were entitled to draw rations at the depots. All money received from the sale of clothing, or from any other of the Mission activities is turned back into the work. Many other groups have also been supplied by this department, after investigation. The need for clothing increases constantly.

A department organized in 1920 for purchasing cows in the Tyrol, Switzerland and in Holland, and for placing them with dairymen in the vicinity of Vienna, has been enlarged. The milk was distributed to the welfare centres and hospitals in payment for the cows. In this way, nearly 10,000 children are now being helped.

Certain departments are being turned over to the Austrian organizations, under the supervision of two or three Mission members. The Mission, however, thinks as does the American Relief Administration, that the time has not yet come to withdraw. It considers that its help is still needed for the following purposes:

1st—Feeding of several thousand young children.

2nd—Clothing distribution.

3rd—Old age relief.

4th—Land settlement work.

### Poland

Distributing cotton-seed meal to dairymen, distributing clothing, helping the returning refugees in the devastated districts in Eastern Poland, distributing seeds and tools, ploughing land, supervising the loan of one thousand army horses to village peasants, and assisting in securing nails, glass, tiles, etc. for rebuilding houses, covers the work done in Poland.

The unit in Poland finds it very hard to bring the work to a close as the need continues to be very great on account of returning refugees. Thousands of people are coming back into the Polish area who have been refugees in Russia for from two to six years. These come back without extra clothing, farming tools and seeds. Their homes have been destroyed and Typhus, Typhoid and other deadly diseases are prevalent among them. Until these people are settled in their homes and given a start, the work cannot be considered finished. The Unit will therefore remain until November of this year to complete the work now under way.

### Serbia

Our Unit in Serbia found a wonderful opportunity to help the Montenegrin refugees get settled on the land in Serbia. They supervised the building of houses, planting of crops, etc. and actually made it possible for several hundred Montenegrin families to provide for themselves.

The maintenance of a thirty-six bed hospital at Pec, Serbia, with clinics in three villages provided almost the only medical service for approximately 80,000 people. Our help has been pitiably small, but it has been a real service. Since the need for emergency relief no longer exists, we believed that the time had come for the Serbian Government to take care of its own people. Consequently the hospital was turned over to the Ministry of Health in April 1922.

## Russia

Although we have had workers in Russia since 1917 the American Friends' Service Committee did not undertake a big program until the coming of the famine in 1921. The work in previous years was directed toward relieving suffering among the refugees who fled eastward before the German Army.

Last summer in the Volga Valley in an area 800 by 400 miles the wheat crop was a total failure. The number of people affected was about 40,000,000. It was estimated that 20,000,000 of these were able to take care of themselves either by migrating to some other section or by using up food stocks which they had in hand. The American Relief Administration and all other organizations together have fed approximately 10,000,000 people The contributions which we have received have been pitiably small compared with the need, yet we are thankful to say that through the generosity of the American people we were able to authorize our unit to feed an average of 100,000 children and adults a day from February to August 1st in the very heart of the famine area. The American Relief Administration has provided a ration of corn for an additional 60,000 people.

We cannot say now how much food will be needed in Russia next winter. If the crops are good, no large amount of food will have to be shipped in. Time alone will give an answer to this; but there is an immediate need for medical supplies, soap, and cod liver oil in unlimited quantities in Russia. Hospitals are without the most necessary equipment—drugs, instruments, linen, bandages are not to be had. Children's homes—and the children's homes in the famine area are badly overcrowded—are in great need of cotton cloth, soaps, disinfectants, and the simplest kind of medicines.

Like Austria and Poland, Russia suffered greatly on account of the general war conditions. For years practically all manufacturing, except war supplies, was stopped. This followed by the post-war unrest, civil war, and lastly, the drought, has brought Russia to the very depths. Now all men of good will must extend a helping hand. We will need to continue working in Russia for many years after the famine is over.

### New Fields of Work

The Service Committee recently appointed three new committees to supervise work which we believe will be of great value.

### Mexico

Realizing that there was great possibility of trouble, perhaps war between the United States and Mexico, the members of the American Friends' Service Committee have felt it desirable to undertake some work which would bring them into close contact with Mexico and its problems. As a result a worker has been secured to go to Mexico City to be something of an unofficial ambassador from Friends in the United States to the Mexican people. It is hoped that he will be able to interpret some of the best of the American public opinion to the Mexican press and some of the best of Mexican public opinion to the American press. The effort is to come to a better understanding of the Mexican people and their problems and to be in position to do something to help avert war or misunderstanding between the two countries.

### Message Committee

The Message Committee has been appointed to take special charge of religious and embassy work in Europe. It is to arrange for the more permanent forms of service, religious visits, exchange of teachers, etc. It is hoped that as a result of our work in Europe, Friends may continue to have a great influence during these next few years. The task of this committee is not only to conserve work already done, but to further the giving of the message.

### Home Service

The Committee on Home Service has as a special task the cultivating of a desire for service among the young people of the Society. The Service Committee holds that all young Friends before settling in business or before getting married and settling down into home life, should devote at least one year's time to work in some one of the great social movements of the day. Friends have been noted for their efforts for prisoners, Negroes, Indians, and industrial workers. There are few Friends today who are in the position to give advice or counsel in such matters.

Such work on the part of our young people as suggested above ought not only to deepen the spiritual life of the Society but to make us much more effective workers. We hold that Christianity is practicable. This is one way we can demonstrate it.

One of the first fields that presented an opportunity for Home Service was in West Virginia. Because of the great need for emergency relief among the children of the unemployed miners, the Committee decided to undertake a child-feeding program of two to three months duration and issued an appeal for $3,500 for the support of the work which will begin about the first of July. It is planned to begin in a small way and enlarge the scope only as experience justifies it. Such a service as this will not only relieve the distress among the children who are being stunted in body, mind and spirit, but it will in some measure help to reconcile the groups involved in industrial conflict. It will carry the spirit of disinterested good will into the difficult industrial situation, affording an example of the principle of love which alone can bring the Christian brotherhood desired by Friends.

There are many who can give money for charitable purposes, but the gift without the giver is bare. It is a Christian's privilege to not only give a cup of cold water in His name, but to minister with his own hands to the ones in need. We have a wonderful opportunity to preach the gospel of good will to the whole world. The support which Friends have given has made such work possible. We look forward to another year of opportunity and service and trust that as Friends we may be able to do our part. Very sincerely,

WILBUR K. THOMAS, *Executive Secretary.*

35. Rufus M. Jones, Chairman of the American Friends' Service Committee, gave an address on "The International Aspects and Vitality of Our Message." He stated that the old type of world civilization is bankrupt and that all methods and systems of life resting on greed and force are doomed. The experiment of a new form of life and a formation of a more vital faith are necessary. Immense spiritual things are expected of Friends There are three great imperatives at this hour: Forma-

tion of an adequate economic policy for the European countries, re-organization of the political systems of Europe, and a great spiritual ministration that shall speak to all the suffering and distressed souls of the world. In this last work, Friends are called to share.

George M. Warner of Philadelphia gave the motto, "Do Away With the War Mind," as very appropriate, and urged that Friends call the attention of the press to its duty in creating sentiment against war.

36. The Business Committee was asked to prepare a message to be cabled to a group of persons of various religious beliefs in Germany who are in Conference at this time and whose purpose is the promotion of a spirit of good will and peace.

Then adjourned to meet at 7:45 P. M.

## FOURTH DAY, THE SIXTH
## 7:45 P. M.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

37. The following report of the Peace Association of Friends in America was presented by Allen D. Hole, Chairman, and approved by the meeting. The Peace Board was encouraged to go forward in the prosecution of its work according to the general plan outlined in the report. Attention was called to the grave danger that Friends may grow lax in proclaiming their principles as to peace, because of the fact that other bodies of Christians are becoming aroused as to the sinfulness of war.

### THE PEACE ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA

The Peace Association of Friends in America, as the Board of the Five Years Meeting on the subject of Peace and Arbitration, presents herewith, report of the work done in the five-year period just closing.

## Organization

Promptly after the appointment of the representatives from the respective Yearly Meetings at the time of the Five Years Meeting held in 1917, a meeting of the newly-appointed representatives was held and an organization effected as follows:

President, Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Ind.; Secretary and Treasurer, E. G. Crawford, Richmond, Ind.; Executive Committee, The President and Secretary, and Albert J. Brown, Indianapolis, Ind., A. Morris Carey, Baltimore, Md., L. Hollingsworth Wood, New York, New York, W. Rufus Kersey, Oregonia, O., Andrew F. Mitchell, Richmond, Ind.

These officers, as named, have served throughout the five-year period, with the exception of Albert J. Brown, whose death occurred early in the present year. Since the remaining portion of his term of service was but a few months, the place thus made vacant was not filled.

## General Statement as to Work Accomplished

The amount of work accomplished in the period from 1917 to 1922 is, in general, from two to three times as much as was undertaken in the five-year period immediately preceding, that is, from 1912 to 1917. This statement can, of course, be made definitely with respect only to that portion of the work which can be stated in statistical form, but even though much of the important work of the Association is of a nature which cannot be recorded statistically, it can be safely assumed that the ratio of increased activity recorded above applies to practically all phases of the work. In illustration of this extension of activities, it is to be noted that the total amount of money received from all sources for the five year period just closing is $14,876.16, as against $6,508.66 in the immediately preceding five-year period. When it is remembered that practically all of this amount has been contributed by the membership of the Five Years Meeting, and that within the same period many times this amount in addition has been contributed by the same membership to various appeals for relief and reconstruction, it becomes evident that the increase in interest among our members generally in the field represented by the Peace Board and in responsibility for its work, is much more than the ratio of increase of about two and one-third as shown by the financial report of this Board.

The importance of the regular publication work of the Peace Board is sufficient justification for calling attention also to the increased effort that has been made to produce a monthly periodical which will adequately represent Friends in the general work of peace and good will and at the same time to an increasing degree supply the practical needs of local congregations for literature on this most important phase of the work of the church.

Specifically, as to results accomplished, the *Messenger of Peace* now in its forty-seventh year of publication as a monthly periodical, has within the last five-year period been enlarged to a size of page about the same as that of most standard monthly magazines, thus providing for about 50 per cent more space for reading matter in each issue, and adding at the same time an attractive two-color cover. Although the subscription price of the paper was necessarily increased because of the added cost due to the enlarged size and the general increase in the expense of printing, the circulation has shown an average increase for the five-year period of about 20 per cent. over the immediately preceding five-year period.

### Specific Lines of Work: Disarmament

In view of the fact that annual reports have been made by this Board to the respective Yearly Meetings of the Five Years Meeting, it is necessary here to give only a brief summary of the more important items, showing lines of work undertaken and results accomplished, in addition to the general statement already made.

It will, of course, be understood that the specific character of much of the work undertaken within the past five years has been largely determined by the circumstances and conditions attending the closing year of the Great War, and the period of re-adjustment in which we still find ourselves. With individuals and with officers of various organizations there has been much correspondence, including requests for literature which in general has been supplied as needed. With reference to legislation under consideration by Congress, and in some cases by state legislatures, care has been taken to be informed as to the progress of such bills as seemed to have a more direct bearing on questions within the field assigned to the Peace Board, and at especially critical times voters have been encouraged to make

known their convictions on these questions to their representatives.

One of the most important lines of work which has claimed our attention has to do especially with the various questions related to the general problem of a reduction of armaments by the nations of the world. Before the Washington Conference on Limitation of Armaments was called, Friends representing the Peace Association of Friends in America and the Yearly Meetings of Friends in Philadelphia, united in a consideration of what might be done to assist in strengthening and crystallizing the sentiment opposed to further preparation for international wars. In view of the fact that the issues at stake were national and international in scope, and that in what was generally felt at that time to be a most critical juncture, an urgent call was coming to Friends to take the lead in organizing the work, the bodies of Friends above referred to, acting through their regularly appointed representatives, formed a temporary organization which took the name of the Friends' Disarmament Council and outlined a program which included as its two principal objectives the following:

*First,* the dissemination of information regarding the necessity for the adoption of a policy of reduction of armaments by all nations of the world, and

*Second,* the formation of a national organization through which all citizens and groups of citizens favoring reduction of armaments might work together to secure appropriate official action to realize the desired end.

The results already accomplished are generally known, and need not be recorded here, except to note that the national organization contemplated was successfully launched at a date much earlier than was at first supposed to be possible, and that this independent, non-sectarian organization under the name of the National Council for Reduction of Armaments is now vigorously at work and deserves the hearty and generous support of all Friends in the difficult but absolutely necessary undertaking for which it has assumed responsibility, and in which it has thus far achieved most remarkable success.

PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE

In closing this summary of the work accomplished in the five-year period just closing, the Peace Board asks permission to record its judgment as to the direction in which it seems clear the work should develop in the future, believing that if the Five Years Meeting met in regular session, should approve in a definite way the larger program which is here submitted, the Board with its newly appointed membership will feel the greater assurance in going forward.

As a result of their experiences in the past five years, the members of the Peace Board, some of whom have served since 1912, believe that in order to carry on adequately the department of work entrusted to it, the following general program should be adopted for the next five-year period, namely:—

1. That the Peace Board of the Five Years Meeting look forward to securing the full-time services of a competent Friend as soon as practicable in order that the important work entrusted to the Board may be developed more thoroughly and systematically.

2. That as soon as practicable the *Messenger of Peace* be further enlarged so that it may command the attention and respect not only of all Friends, but of others who are interested in the growth of a peace movement based upon the teachings of Christ.

3. That for the present and until financial arrangements for the enlarged program suggested above can be made, the work should be maintained up to at least its present level, and that, if possible, increased effort should be concentrated on the work of disarmament.

Respectfully submited on behalf of the Peace Association of Friends in America.

ALLEN D. HOLE, *President.*

38. William B. Harvey, fraternal delegate from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, presented the following appeal from the Philadelphia Yearly Meetings entitled, "Christendom for a Warless World." The document was referred to the Business Committee for further consideration.

## CHRISTENDOM FOR A WARLESS WORLD

*Fellow Christians and Sister Churches of all Lands:*

The small fraction of the Christian Church which ventures to address this appeal to you, does so in a spirit of fervent hope that we may give our united strength whole-heartedly to uphold and advance the standards of peace which some followers of Christ have long cherished as a fundamental Christian principle.

Christianity seems to us to face a grave crisis and a divine duty. In this aftermath of history's most terrible war, we see two paths before us. One leads inevitably to another war by renewed preparedness of the most efficient military, economic, educational and religious means of waging it. The other begins with a complete rejection of war, and of all preparation for it, for any purpose and against any people; it demands definite organization for peace.

These two paths lie in opposite directions; we cannot possibly follow them both. There is no shadow of doubt on which of them are found the footprints and the sign-posts of Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ would not send His disciples where He Himself does not lead. "Follow me" has been forever His watchword. Shall not then, the Christian Church follow its Leader with perfect loyalty along this path?

Such loyalty to Christ is consistent with loyalty to one's native land. The higher loyalty includes the lower, and gives to it all its best and brightest substance. The Christian's love of country finds its source, its inspiration and its direction in his love of God and his fellow-men. Christ taught the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man; His church transcends all divisions of nationality, all prejudices and hatreds of nation for nation and of class for class. It must rise to the height of its divinely given mission. It must not depend on the leadership of generals or admirals, or financiers; nor await the changing policies of statecraft. In time of war, as in time of peace it must keep its eye single to God's commands, and must draw constantly its Founder's immortal and stupendous contrast between that which is Cæsar's and that which is God's.

As Christians, we are striving for "a warless world." We are firmly convinced that this can be achieved only by refusal

to participate in war, simply and sufficiently because war is by its very nature at variance with the message, the spirit, and the life and death of Jesus Christ. We unite in supporting treaties of arbitration and conciliation, limitation and reduction of armaments, international courts of justice, a league or association of nations for the preservation of peace. This is well; it is a great achievement for statesmen to accomplish these things; but it is not sufficient for the Christian Church.

A principle is greater than any or all of its applications. The fundamental peace principle of Christianity demands the utter rejection of war, unequivocally and without compromise. With this principle in its charter the Christian Church can always utter a clear and unmistakable verdict on any specific measure of statesmanship that is proposed; it will not be misled or coerced, by argument or by force, into participating in any kind or degree of preparation for war, or into lending the sanction of Christianity to the waging of any war whatsoever.

The achievement of all the great moral reforms in history has awaited the development of a deep *religious* conviction in the hearts of the people. Vital, uncompromising Christianity when applied to great moral issues, has never failed to bring the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth another step to realization.

The most pressing reform of our time is to abolish war, and to establish exclusively peaceful means of settling disputes and promoting co-operation among the nations. These peaceful means cannot prevail until the nations beat their swords into plowshares and learn war no more. To accomplish these results the Christian Church in practice and profession must condemn the whole system of war unequivocally and finally, relying not upon armed preparedness, but upon the awakened conscience of mankind.

Fellow Christians, we can scarcely exaggerate the loss and suffering of the Great War. There is a bitter Macedonian cry in our afflicted time for physical help and healing, but far more for the things of the Spirit—for faith, and hope and love. What greater message of cheer and reconstruction could be brought to mankind today than the assurance that all who bear the name of Christ in every land have solemnly resolved to have no part in war or in preparation for war, but henceforth to work unitedly for peace by peaceful means alone? Shall we not make

this venture of faith together in the love that beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things and that never fails? Shall the torch of spiritual heroism be borne by the Church of the living Christ, or shall leadership in the utter rejection of war pass from our hands to men of braver and truer spirit? Which Master shall we who call ourselves Christians be known by all the world to serve, the God of Battles or the Prince of Peace?

With love and greetings to you all, we are your sincere friends,

*Adopted and directed to be signed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends in session at Fourth and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, Third Month 31st, 1922.*

DAVIS H. FORSYTHE
MARY R. WILLIAMS } *Clerks*

*and by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, in session at Fifteenth and Race Streets, Philadelphia, Fifth Month 17th, 1922.*

MORGAN BUNTING
JANE P. RUSHMORE } *Clerks*

*Endorsed by London Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, in session at Devonshire House, London, England, on Fifth Month 26th, 1922.*

ROGER CLARK, *Clerk.*

39. Frederick J. Libby, Executive Secretary of the National Council for the Reduction of Armaments, made a very strong plea for immediate and aggressive propaganda against war. He showed clearly that civilization must abolish war or war will abolish civilization. The importance of legislation in the abolition of war, as in the abolition of slavery and the drink traffic, was stressed. World organization, world-wide reduction of armaments, and education for peace are essential, but the biggest task of all is the spiritual one of changing human nature and to lead in the way of love.

40. S. Edgar Nicholson submitted the following recommendations which were referred to the Business Committee:

(1) To formally ask the Federal Council of Churches through our representative to co-operate with the National Council for Reduction of Armaments in seeking world organization, world-wide reduction of armaments, including our own, and education for peace.

(2) To recommend to every Monthly Meeting moral and financial support of the movement for prevention of war through active peace Committees in every meeting, and through co-operation with the National Council for Reduction of Armaments of which the Friends' Disarmament Council is a member.

Then adjourned to meet at 9:00 A. M., Fifth Day, the seventh.

## FIFTH DAY, THE SEVENTH
### 9:00 A. M.

The meeting assembled at the time adjourned to, and entered upon a season of earnest devotion.

41. The following communication from Western Yearly Meeting was read and referred to the Business Committee for its consideration:

*To the Five Years Meeting:*

Western Yearly Meeting unites in asking the Five Years Meeting to consider amending its action in 1912, in connection with the Richmond Declaration of Faith and George Fox's letter to the Governor of Barbadoes, by the elimination of the phrase, —"But they are not to be regarded as a creed."—

Taken from the minutes of Western Yearly Meeting, held 8th Month 24th, 1922.

W. O. Trueblood,
Mary Miars Harold,
*Clerks.*

42. A telegram from James Hoge Ricks, representative from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, and unable to be in attendance, was read.

43. Enos Harvey, E. Howard Brown, S. Edgar Nicholson, and Charles M. Woodman were requested to serve in conjunction with the Committee on Arrangements in having care of devotional meetings on First-Day.

44. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and after some corrections, approved.

45. George H. Moore, Chairman of the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions, presented the following report of the Board. Reference was made to the severe handicap facing the Board owing to lack of adequate funds. Native churches have contributed approximately half as much for the work as have the home churches. The report was approved.

## AMERICAN FRIENDS BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Since our last report to the Five Years Meeting, the United States has passed through a period of unprecedented prosperity which reflected itself in the missionary work of the Society of Friends. Our people were baptized with a spirit of liberality never before known and millions and millions of dollars were cheerfully given for benevolent causes. Everyone was thrilled by the thought of service on behalf of others. But the wave of prosperity receded almost as rapidly as it had advanced and many people were left on the barren flats and dunes of meagre circumstances or in the small ponds and streams which served but as a reminder of the ocean of plenty in the midst of which they had lived and moved so happily and contentedly.

Throughout this period of extreme excesses and fluctuations the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions has sought to carry out the command given by the Master on the Galillean hillside so long ago.

### The Home Base

Five years ago the newly appointed Board elected as its officers, George H. Moore, Chairman; Charles M. Woodman, Vice-Chairman; Edgar F. Hiatt, Treasurer; Ross A. Hadley, General Secretary. Five additional Friends: Lucy Hill Binford, Joseph Dickinson, Charles E. Carey, Belle C. Baily and Mary A. J.

Ballard, were chosen to serve with the officers of the Executive Committee.

The position of Assistant Secretary was left vacant until September, 1921, when Alta L. Jewell was appointed. In August, 1921, Ross Hadley gave up his work as General Secretary and B. Willis Beede was appointed Acting General Secretary until a successor to Ross A. Hadley might be chosen. At its May, 1922, meeting the Board voted to call Milo S. Hinckle, for five years a missionary in Jamaica, to this most responsible position.

### Headquarters

In time the office room in the Second National Bank proved too small for the rapidly expanding work and in June, 1919, the headquarters of the Board were moved to 101 South Eighth Street. It has been the aim of the office to administer efficiently the work abroad and to co-operate helpfully with the Yearly Meetings in their missionary education programs. At no time in the period under review has it cost more than 8.9% to administer the work and in 1918-19 it cost only 6.5%.

Between 1917 and 1920 a far reaching program of intensive conference work was carried into effect. Many meetings in Iowa, Western, Indiana, Wilmington, North Carolina, New York and New England were visited and plans for more efficient missionary education were presented to leaders in the meetings. In 1920 Ruth Murray Underhill was asked by the Home and Foreign Mission Boards to prepare a mission study text book covering the work of the two Boards. Most of the material has been written but lack of funds has made it impossible to publish the book. By the use of returned missionaries, letters, Quarterly Bulletins, stereopticon lectures, pictures, curios, pageants, Board Reports, quarterly letters from missionaries on the fields, articles in the *Missionary Advocate* and *The American Friend,* an effort has been made to give to the church a more vivid understanding of her task abroad. That these efforts have not been without some measure of success the following figures clearly show.

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| Receipts | 1917..... | $ 56,914.07 |
| | 1918..... | 123,905.64[1] |
| | 1919..... | 110,891.37 |

[1]Covers year and five months.

1920..... 131,214.42
1921..... 104,183.74

A comparison of the receipts for the years 1912-1916 with those for 1917-1921 indicate something of the marked progress made in financial support.

1912.....$48,403.05
1913..... 51,944.61
1914..... 42,279.02
1915..... 44,395.29
1916..... 45,270.21

### Individual Gifts

In spite of the unfavorable financial conditions which prevailed during 1921, eleven $100 gifts were received, nine gifts ranging from $125 to $500, five $500 gifts, one $600 gift and two $1,000 gifts. These gifts together with a multitude of smaller gifts would indicate that although many calls have been made upon the church for various types of relief work, the appeal of the foreign missionary cause has been heard by a goodly number of Friends.

### Annuities

Under the annuity plan money paid to the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions is invested in first mortgages on real estate and interest is paid to the donor during his own life time or that of his beneficiary at the stated rate of interest. At the death of such donor or beneficiary, the principal sum is taken over into the general fund of the Board to be used in supporting its permanent work on the mission field. Twenty thousand five hundred dollars have been received in this way.

### Bequests

Bequests totaling $40,915.83 have come to the Board in the last five years. This method of giving provides a way whereby Friends who must have the use of their property during their own life time may help in the spread of the gospel after they have been called to their reward.

### Deputations

In 1918 Ross A. Hadley, Carolena M. Wood and A. J. Hadley visited the Jamaica field and made a careful study of the

needs of the people and the work being accomplished by the Mission.

A year later, Ross A. Hadley, Mary A. J. Ballard and Sylvester Jones surveyed the Mexico field and represented Friends at the Protestant Conference in Mexico City which projected plans for a more comprehensive and intensive program of cooperative work.

In 1920 Willis and Juanita B. Beede spent seven months in Africa carefully studying the territory and the Mission program. On their return they spent five weeks with Friends at Ram Allah, Palestine.

These deputations have resulted in encouragement to the mission bodies, more adequate programs of work and a more intelligent understanding of the problems involved in the administration of the work abroad.

## Candidates

One of the most responsible and delicate tasks which has been committed to the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions is that of examining, advising with and appointing to some field of service those who have experienced a genuine call to the foreign mission field. Climatic conditions are often so trying and searching and the nature of the work to be done so exacting that only those who are the strongest physically, intellectually and spiritually are able to endure the strain and carry the burdens incident to missionary service. It is gratifying to note that an increasing number of candidates are feeling the need for advanced training even beyond college. Some seek this training in Theological Seminaries, some in Teachers Training or Mission Colleges and others in technical institutions.

There is cause for thanksgiving in the fact that twenty-two new missionaries have been sent to the field since 1917. And yet it is to be deplored that so many eager, hopeful young Friends who have heard the call to service abroad have been detained at home by the unwillingness of the church to provide the means for their support. More than one hundred forty names of Student Volunteers and interested young Friends are now in the office files.

### Increase in Number of Fields

During the five year period two additional mission fields have been placed under the care of the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions. In 1918 New England Friends, after long and careful deliberation, unanimously decided to ask the Board to administer the splendid work in Ram Allah and the surrounding villages which had for so many years been under their efficient care.

For some years Robert L. and Margaret Simkin have been laboring in West China. During the earlier years of their ministry they were connected with the Friends Foreign Mission Association. Because of war conditions which greatly interfered with the work of English Friends, a group of Haverford Friends provided the support for Robert Simkin and wife and the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions was asked to undertake the administration of the work. This arrangement was entered into in 1919 and has continued down to the present time.

### The Work Abroad

The task of making Christianity indigenous on our mission fields has gone forward with rapidity during the past five years. In the early days it was necessary to do all the preaching, teaching, giving and governing. Now the situation is vastly different. A native church able to do much in the way of self-support, self-government and self-propagation is to be reckoned with. This growth in the native church makes neccessary a gradual shifting of responsibility from the mission to the church. "He must increase while I must decrease," is the difficult but joyful task which confronts the missionary. Instead of being at the forefront in all of the work he must steadily retreat to the rear while his work is carried forward by native Christians who are often less skilled and more blundering in their efforts. Only as the native does will he learn to do. Happy is that missionary who can yield up his work to less skilled hands in the firm confidence that, under the leadership of the Spirit of God, practice and training will perfect the pupil.

This growth in the church on the field necessitates a change in method. The task of the missionary becomes more and more that of a religious educator devoting his time, talents and en-

ergy to the adequate training of teachers, pastors and evangelists who shall minister to the ever increasing church. He must be so filled with the spirit of love and service that those who are closely associated with him will catch his passion to present Christ to lost men and women.

Let us now turn to an examination of the fields and briefly note some of the outstanding events.

"Evangelical Christianity is planted in Cuba." writes one of the Cuba missionaries, "and, God willing, it will yield an abundant harvest of fruits which Cuba needs." The church which is bearing this fruit bears evidence of spiritual life and vigor. Sunday Schools, Christian Endeavor societies, cottage prayer meetings, day schools and meetings for worship are conducted with a view to bringing men and women into a living fellowship with Christ. There is a marked development in the National workers and they are assuming greater responsibility for the work. They have initiative and. with wise counsel, make good leaders and ministers.

A remarkable revival similar in many ways to that recorded among early Friends in England has visited the work in Havana Province. Many have felt the convicting, regenerating power of the Spirit of God and the church has grown both in members and in spiritual life. A substantial brick and concrete meeting house has been built at Velasco at a cost of $9,081.91. Of this amount the Board contributed only $2,816.00.

Christian education is the handmaid of the church. Hundreds of boys and girls have seen a Bible and learned of God for the first time in Friends' day schools. High School courses are given at Holguin and the first class to complete the course graduated in 1921. One of these graduates is now at Friends University preparing himself for a larger service among his own people. In 1920 a plot of land was purchased outside of Holguin for the purpose of erecting a Boarding School. When funds become available for the erection of this building it will be possible to minister to many boys and girls from the rural districts and small towns surrounding Holguin.

In spite of extreme poverty due to a most destructive hurricane which swept the eastern end of Jamaica in 1917 the church has moved steadily forward. New work has been undertaken at Prospect, Port Antonio, Highgate and in the Ft. Stewart

community. Prospect has already been transformed from a drunken, brawling, licentious community to an orderly section of the city with an attractive Friends meeting in its midst. Due to economic pressure and the war, many Jamaicans have left the Island. This has decreased the membership of some of the churches.

Distinct gains in self-support have been registered. Practically all church expenses, except ministers' salaries, are raised locally. Several of the churches are contributing to the support of the Board and mission work in other countries. The matter of stewardship has been stressed and a goodly number are tithers. All out-station workers are supported locally. At a cost of some $500, Seaside replaced the windows which were blown out of the chapel in 1917. Quite recently the meeting installed a $900 electric lighting plant.

Evidences are not a few that the church is growing in stability and usefulness. An increasing volume of local church business is cared for by the membership and a spirit of service has resulted in the placing of much emphasis on evangelism.

The Seaside and Amity Hall schools have had a phenomenal growth. New school houses had to be erected after the hurricane of 1917. The Seaside building which was built to accommodate 175 pupils has had an attendance of two hundred. The Happy Grove School boys recently launched a campaign to raise $4,500 with which to erect a new building for the boys' department.

The Orphanage for East Indian girls was moved last year from Seaside to Lyndale. The school is recognized by the government and eighteen of the girls are supported from Government funds.

"Five years ago the land of Palestine was still under the power of the Turk; Christian, Mohammedan and Jewish Syrians were drafted into the Turkish army to keep out an army that they longed to welcome, the land lay desolate under the scourge of war and practically all the Christian schools had been closed.

"The work at Ram Allah was stopped for three and one-half years because of the war but the property was occupied most of that time by the different armies. Although we lost most of the furnishings of both buildings the entire loss has

probably been covered by an expenditure of five thousand dollars and by adding to what was left from time to time until at present the Mission is almost as well equipped as before the war.

"Three of the former workers returned to this country within six months after the English occupation as workers in the American Red Cross. By the small outlay of about a thousand dollars a hostel was maintained in Jerusalem for one year in which fifteen village girls were boarded so that they could attend a good school for girls that had been opened in the city. This preliminary step to the opening of the work at Ram Allah enabled girls who for a number of years had been deprived of educational advantages to rebegin their education and be ready for the regular opening of the mission schools a year later.

"Perhaps the most painful thing that greeted the eyes of A. Edward Kelsey upon his return to Ram Allah was to find that the English Army had taken the little meeting house for canteen purposes and to see 'extra-dry' gin piled in boxes with much stronger liquor in close proximity. Within two weeks of his arrival the meeting house had been restored to the little company of Friends who had been worshiping in the home of one of the members and they were allowed to resume their regular meetings for worship in their own building.

"The first of July, 1919, the mission families returned to Ram Allah and after a strenuous summer the buildings were ready to receive the boys and girls at the opening of the school year in October. It was found necessary to receive older children than had been received formerly because it was impossible to receive all who applied but a beginning was made and each year since then the work has been enlarged. In 1921-22 the boys' and girls' schools each had an enrollment of eighty.

"Never before has there been such a wide-spread demand for education and every year more Moslems are seeking admission to Christian schools. No exceptions are made in regard to the requirements from these boys and girls and they attend our meetings for worship and take the required Bible courses. None of the pupils join more heartily in the singing of Christian hymns than these Moslem children and seed is being sown in their hearts which will bring forth fruit unto life eternal.

"God has richly blessed the opening up of the village work and a great opportunity for usefulness lies in this direction

which we should embrace. Our one village worker ought to be reinforced with others to assist in starting schools in villages that are calling for help and which we are neglecting because of the lack of 'men and means.'

"The Zionist propaganda resulting from the Balfour declaration and the anti-Jewish feelings of Christians and Moslems have made the antipathies between the different religions stronger than ever and if ever this land needed the message of peace and good will it is at the present time. Many of the so-called Christians are tired of the empty formalities of the Eastern churches and are longing for something different. A missionary who for over thirty years has been in the country recently attended our morning meeting for worship and at its close said, 'What this country needs is just such church services as these all over the land for the people are tired of formalism!'"

Parts of China continue in the throes of political upheaval, warfare and brigandage. Provincial military leaders pit their forces the one against the other, corrupt officials rob the public treasury, while irresponsible robber bands raid and pillage the unprotected and unsuspecting village folk. This state of affairs, coupled with a growing hatred for Japan and a feeling of distrust toward the other world powers, has kept much of China in perpetual unrest.

Friends have contact with this vast struggling nation at Chengtu, a city far to the west of Shanghai in the midst of a province having a population of some 60,000,000 people. In this city a Christian Union University has been established by the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society; the Friends' Foreign Mission Asociation; the General Board of Missions of the Methodist Church, Canada; the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, United States; and the Church Missionary Society.

Thick clouds of revolution, accompanied by flashes and rumblings of war, hung heavily over Mexico in 1917. Since 1914 no missionary had lived in Victoria except for short periods when unusual quiet prevailed. Four of the Mission staff were in Cuba and others were at Matamoros awaiting the opportunity to return to their work. The schools in the interior were abandoned and the congregations scattered; some of the

meeting houses were burned and others were used by soldiers and officials. The people were bewildered and frightened.

In July of 1917 R. Solomon and Amanda R. Tice and Nancy Lee returned to Victoria and began picking up the frayed ends of what had once been a prosperous, well organized work. During all the revolutionary period Maria Castillo who had been left at Matehuala, kept the boarding school in operation in spite of extraordinary difficulties. "With no missionary at the station since 1912 and cut off for months from the mission secretary's help, she, by her tact, courage and devotion, has held together both school and church and has won the respect and protection of the many changing administrations which the revolution and counter revolutions have brought to that city.

"With the help of the Mission the native ministers have reorganized the different meetings and fostered their growth until there are now nine monthly meetings organized into a quarterly meeting which meets twice a year.

"There is a church membership in Mexico of over 400 with a fairly able leadership. There is increased interest both in our schools and in the 'Protestants' gospel.' The girls' school at Victoria is about back to pre-revolutionary days in rank. Juarez Institute for boys has been crowded full the past year. In the matter of self-support there has been a decided advance. Schools in other centers have been well attended.

In 1919 eight of the Protestant denominations at work in the Republic met to plan unitedly for Mexico's evangelization. After days of prayerful deliberation the following plan was adoped:

"A University in the City of Mexico; a Hospital in the City of Mexico; eight agricultural schools in as many different sections of the Republic; a community center or Institutional church and a school of mechanical arts in each center of importance in the Republic; Normal schools in such districts as do not yet possess them and the strengthening of those already existing; the development of the Union Theological Seminary already existing in Mexico City; the uniting of the various missionary publication interests into one Publishing House, Book store and one weekly paper for the whole Republic; a campaign to popularize Medical knowledge; a definite division of

territorial responsibility so as to avoid overlapping or duplication of effort."

A part of this program has been successfully carried out. Normal and agricultural schools have been established in some parts of the Republic. The Union Evangelical Seminary has had a most encouraging growth. One Friend has completed the three years' course and another is in attendance. The Union Press and Bookstore are supplying a long-felt need. "El Mundo Christiano" is published weekly and many religious books have been translated and printed. In the territorial division, Friends were given all the state of Tamaulipas and a small part of San Luis Potosi. This division lays a heavy burden of responsibility upon Friends. No other denomination will do anything to evangelize our territory.

The whole burden of giving the gospel to thousands of Mexicans rests solely with the Religious Society of Friends. The field is ripe unto harvest and the Master bids us go forth to the reaping.

Of our Africa work it might be well said, "A great door and effectual has been opened to us and there are adversaries." Five years ago the native of the Kavirondo country under the leadership of the British were at war with the natives of German East Africa. Many young men were drawn from our territory for military service. A number lost their lives and some never returned to their homes.

With the close of the war, missionaries whose furloughs were long over due found it possible to return to America thus leaving the field understaffed. Smallpox, plague and influenza have also added to the difficulties with which our mission has had to deal.

Noteworthy has been the progress made, however. A manual training building, twenty by sixty feet, two stories, has been erected and equipped with benches and tools. The Africans are enthusiastic over this department of the work. Trained native builders moulded, burned and laid up the brick and made the windows and door frames. The hospital building with four wards, one for men, two for women, and one for children, an operating room and drug and receiving rooms, has been completed. At Kitosh a substantial stone house was built in 1918-19.

At other points temporary school houses and dormitory buildings have been erected.

The medical work has had a very steady growth. Increasingly the people come in for the treatment of the many physical ills to which they are a prey. Last year there were 312 in-patients at the hospital; 210 operations were performed; and 9820 dispensary treatments were given.

In 1918 orphanage work was begun at Maragoli. Three years later the orphanage was combined with the Girls' Boarding School—a new undertaking—and moved to Lirhanda. This bids fair to become one of the most promising lines of work. The long planned Boys Normal Training School was opened early this year with an enrollment of between thirty and forty. Official permission was granted to the Mission in 1919 to open a new station at Malava.

The outstanding feature of the African work has been the growth of the native church. There are now six regularly organized monthly meetings and one quarterly meeting. In the matter of self-support the native Christians have shown unsuspected ability, while they have given evidence of an evangelistic spirit which has resulted in bringing to many a knowledge of Jesus Christ.

The pioneer stage of our work in Africa as in other of our fields is rapidly giving way to one of intensive consolidation. Increasingly the emphasis must be placed on the training of an adequate leadership for the rapidly expanding Christian church.

To help in spreading the knowledge of Jesus Christ and His Gospel among those who have not yet heard; to aid the indigenous church in becoming a strong self-supporting, self-governing and self-propagating body, is the supremely important task to which the Society of Friends is called today.

On behalf of the

American Friends Board of Foreign Missions
GEORGE H. MOORE, *President*
B. WILLIS BEEDE, *Acting General Sec'y.*

46. B. Willis Beede, Educational Secretary of the American Friends Board, introduced the following missionaries who were on the platform: Milo S. and Addie Hinckle, and Lillian E. Hayes, formerly of Jamaica; A.

Willard and Christina Jones, now on their way to the work in Palestine; Mary White, of Jamaica; R. Esther Smith, of Guatemala; Edith Lamb, of the Irish Delegation, now on her way to Japan; Robert Simkin, of China; Clyde and Lou F. S. Roberts, and Solomon Tice, of Mexico; Arthur and Edna Chilson, and Frank and Blanche Conover, of Africa; Emma Martinez, Raymond Holding, Clotildé L. Pretlow and Henry and Alma Cox, of Cuba. Katherine Kissoon of Jamaica was also introduced. She is a product of Friends' work in Jamaica and is in training for medical missionary work among her people in India.

B. Willis Beede reviewed the work of the six fields under the care of the American Friends Board, recounted many encouraging results of the labors of our missionaries and gave instances of the transforming power of the Gospel of Christ. The sacrificial giving by members of native churches has been quite remarkable.

47. Milo S. Hinckle, the incoming General Secretary of the American Friends Board, addressed the Meeting and outlined a program for work. Information, inspiration, co-operation and occupation come in natural order in missionary endeavor. The development of strong native churches is imperative because the missionaries alone cannot possibly accomplish the task. Reference was made to various native workers of unusual ability and promise. A financial regeneration should be experienced, and a re-emphasis, both at home and abroad, of the spiritual basis of our work is essential.

48. Mary Miars Harold, President of the Woman's Missionary Union of Friends in America, presented the following report which was approved.

## REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA

Forty-one years ago this autumn the missionary work of women was endorsed by Western Yearly Meeting. In rapid succession the women of the other Yearly Meetings fell into line. The first General Conference was held in Indianapolis in 1888. The organization was completed in 1890. One generation of Friends has been raised up since the beginning of this organization. These women are now the active missionary workers in our own denomination.

The first printed report of the Union was published in 1887. The only charter member whose name appears in this report, now present at this Five Years Meeting, is Eliza Armstrong Cox.

Our Missionary Union is allied with the Federation of the Women's Missionary Boards and the Home Mission Council, thus bringing us in touch with the woman's organizations of other denominations.

Some five years ago we adopted the name, "The Woman's Missionary Union of Friends in America," as our work includes both Home and Foreign Missions.

Our membership dues are $1.25. We have made contributions through the Home Mission Board of the Five Years Meeting to the Indian, Negro and mountaineer work. We stand loyal to the American Friends' Missionary Board and its work.

We do not direct work upon the field. Our aim is to keep the "home fires burning," by means of educational and inspirational methods.

Up to the year 1900 our women planned their own programs for study. Following the Eccumenical Conference in New York, a uniform course of study was prepared by women. The Woman's Union adopted this course and have followed it ever since.

The books for this year's study are: "Building With India," "The Trend of the Races," "Lighted to Lighten," "Child Garden in India." Junior study books: "The Wonderfland of India," "The Magic Box."

*The Missionary Advocate* is our monthly magazine in which there are published notes and helps on the missionary lessons, also general missionary information.

We have a department of Literature, Stewardship, Intercession, Young Woman's and Junior work.

Esther Baird, a missionary to India, who is at home on furlough, has for a few years been supported by a "love fund." Our work has taken deep root in the hearts of the women in America. Our last General Conference, recently held, closed in a spirit of unity, love and aggression.

Our hope is, *every* woman in the church, an *active* member of the Missionary Society.

We pray our hearts and hands may be steady and strong to help hold the ropes by which others are let down to the needy and dark places of the world.

MARY MIARS HAROLD,
*President of the Woman's Missionary Union.*
550 E. Broadway, Danville, Ind.

49. The American Friends Board of Foreign Missions gave the meeting information as to its organization for the next five-year period.

50. The following extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Board, held September 5, 1922, was read and the recommendation therein embodied referred to the Business Committee.

The Committee on Recommendation to the Five Years Meeting regarding a change in the Discipline of the Five Years Meeting, make the following recommendation:

That Chapter IV, page 85, paragraph I, be amended to read as follows:

"A Board of Foreign Missions shall be organized to consist of two members from each Yearly Meeting, and an additional member for each eight thousand members and fractional part thereof above five thousand, to be designated by the Yearly Meetings prior to the annual meeting of the Board in May preceding the Five Years Meeting, and who may or may not be delegates to the Five Years Meeting. The term of service shall be for a period of five years beginning with the above mentioned May meeting, at which time the Board shall appoint from among its members a Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and at least two others, who with these officers, shall constitute an Exec-

utive Committee. The names of these officers shall be reported to the Five Years Meeting and published in its proceedings.

GEORGE H. MOORE, *President.*

51. James Wood gave an interesting account of the publication by the American Bible Society of a translation of various parts of the New Testament by Emory J. Rees, one of our missionaries in British East Africa. The native Christians of this part of Africa did an unprecedented thing when they showed their appreciation by paying part of the cost of publication.

52. M. Catharine Albright, of London Yearly Meeting, gave a brief statement as to the Foreign Missionary work of English Friends, and told of the very great and unique value of the college for training missionaries, at Kingsmead, England.

53. Dikran B. Donchian, a native Armenian and member of New York Yearly Meeting, gave a personal testimony as to his faith in Christ and loyalty to the Society of Friends.

The meeting then adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

## FIFTH DAY, THE SEVENTH
## 2:30 P. M.

The meeting assembled according to adjournment and entered into a season of worship.

54. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

55. Rufus M. Jones presented the following minute from the Business Committee and stated that the Committee had been able through Divine leading and blending of spirits to reach a harmonious conclusion. The document in hand, he added further, was the united expression of the Committee.

"We recognize with profound sorrow that there is in the world today a great drift of religious unsettlement, unconcern and unbelief. We desire at this time to call our own membership to a deeper religious life, a greater consecration of heart and will to God and a more positive loyalty to the faith for which so many of our forerunners suffered and died. We wish to reaffirm the statements and declarations of faith contained in our Uniform Discipline, viz., 'The Essential Truths,' 'The Declaration of Faith' issued by the Richmond conference in 1887 and 'George Fox's Letter to the Governor of Barbadoes' and we urge upon all our membership to refresh their minds by a careful reading of these documents which gather up and express the central truths for which we stand, now as in the past. But we would further remind our membership that our Christian faith involves more than the adoption and profession of written statements however precious they may be. It stands and lives only in free personal loyalty and devotion to a living Christ and in an inward experience of His spiritual presence and power in the soul, making the facts of our religion as real and as capable of being soundly tested as are the facts of the physical universe. May Friends everywhere bear in their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus.

"Hardly less important for the promotion of our spiritual influence and power in the world is an increase of faith, trust and confidence in one another, a love that suffers long and is kind and a unity of spirit which will bind us more closely together than uniformity of thought could ever do.

"In the light of the above statement in which we unite and since the clause which was adopted ten years ago stating that these declarations of faith are not to be regarded as constituting a creed (minute number 37, page 49, minutes of 1912) has been widely misunderstood in at least two directions, it is our judgment that this clause should now be eliminated.

"We recommend that this meeting instruct its Publication Board to issue in attractive form an edition of these three documents as the authorized Declaration of Faith of the Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, using as a preface the above statement."

Frank W. Dell of California moved that the meeting approve and adopt the statement coming from the Com-

mittee. Timothy Nicholson seconded the motion as did also Lewis E. Stout, James Wood, Lewis W. McFarland, Absalom Knight, Stephen M. Hadley, Edmund Stanley, Alonzo E. Cloud, S. Edgar Nicholson, Levi Gregory, Lindley D. Clark, Robert E. Pretlow and L. Clarkson Hinshaw and others gave expression of their unity with the document. John Henry Barlow of London Yearly Meeting voiced his thankfulness at the manifestation of harmony he was witnessing among American Friends. Thomas K. Brown of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting was gratified to see Friends concerned as to how much they might yield in the interests of harmony rather than determined to make no concessions.

An aye-and-no vote was not taken on the motion but under a very real and precious sense of the overshadowing presence of the Holy Spirit, baptizing the entire meeting into a blessed unity of purpose, the delegates stood, thereby giving approval to the document as presented. Fraternal delegates and the other visitors then arose to indicate their unity with the spirit and purpose of the statement just adopted.

The feeling of the meeting was well expressed in the singing of "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and the Doxology.

56. A further recommendation of the Business Committee that sufficient copies of the document be printed imediately to supply the delegates was approved.

57. Professor Henry Hallam Tweedy, professor of Practical Theology of the Yale School of Religion, gave a very illuminating and practical address on the subject of "Stewardship," Some of the evils and dangers of modern economic life were set forth. The responsibility of Christians may be discovered in the attitude of Christ toward money. His great principle in relation to wealth,

as set forth in his teachings, was stewardship. The larger one's bank account the larger one's opportunity and responsibility. Money in a very real sense is life. Whenever we traffic in money, we traffic in life. To make a dollar mean a dollar's worth of service is one of the biggest problems of today. One test of man's Christianity is the way he treats a coin. In its essence, money means three things: Life, Service, and Power—for weal or woe.

58. The committee on Organization announced the appointment of Mabel Bailey and Josiah Marvel as pages.

Then adjourned to 7:45 P. M.

## FIFTH DAY, THE SEVENTH
## 7:45 P. M.

The meeting convened at the time adjourned to, and settled into a period of worship.

59. The Business Committee presented the following items and recommendations:

(1) We believe that the matter of the fiscal year rests with the separate Yearly Meetings and therefore make no recommendation as to the establishment of a uniform fiscal year.

The Meeting approved the judgment of the Committee.

(2) In regard to work of the National Council for the Reduction of Armaments, we record our approval of the recommendation made by the Peace Association of Friends in America in their report presented to the meeting.

This recommendation was approved.

(3) We approve and endorse the document prepared by the Philadelphia Yearly Meetings entitled, "Christendom For a Warless World."

The Meeting endorsed this recommendation.

(4) With regard to the document from New York Yearly Meeting, suggesting the adoption of an additional Query in regard to health the Committee decides that the time is not at hand to adopt this as a new Query for the Five Years Meeting, but

recommends that the Executive Committee investigate the matter of revising all of the Queries and report their conclusions to the next Five Years Meeting.

This minute was approved by the Meeting.

60. The following report of the Bible School Board was presented by William J. Sayers, Secretary, and approved by the Meeting. He emphasized the very great value of the Bible School in the work of winning and training children and young people and sending them forth into the service of Christ and the Church.

### THE AMERICAN FRIENDS BIBLE SCHOOL BOARD

Immediately at the close of the last Five Years Meeting, your Bible School Board met and organized as follows:

Chairman—Wilbur K. Thomas.

Secretary—William J. Sayers.

Treasurer—Ancil E. Ratliff.

These officers with Leonora Hobbs and Ruth Farquhar, constituted the Executive Committee.

The Heads of the Bible School divisions were elected as follows:

Teacher Training Division—Murray S. Kenworthy.

Adult Division—Richard R. Newby.

Young People Division—William J. Sayers.

Children Division—A. Viola Horisberg.

Straightway after our organization, with eager hearts and willing hands, the committee began to do its arduous but joyful task, and now at the close of our five year period as we look back upon it, we are compelled to say:—

"How little we have gained,
How vast the unattained."

Nevertheless we have made progress and feel that we have laid a foundation for a bigger work in the years to come.

As we surveyed our field the great need we saw was to have published Bible School literature that would meet the requirements of Friends. We saw too that this would involve great expense, but with spirits undaunted we have endeavored.

We saw the very unsatisfactory character of the weekly story-papers that were being placed in the hands of our boys and girls, so began the publication of The Penn Weekly in October 1918. This has been a big financial burden—made especially so because of the lack of full co-operation on the part of many of our members, who seemingly preferred the sensational, un-Friendly papers put out by unattached publishers.

*The Penn Weekly* has grown from a circulation of 1614 to over 6000 in the past four years. However, it is not self-supporting and should be.

It is impossible to over-emphasize the need of this paper, which we think is the best paper in the Bible School world for Friends' Boys and Girls. Therefore, true Friends should rally to its success. Many times our finances have told us to discontinue this paper, but we dared not to count the cost.

The Quarterlies have showed a fair increase. When this Board took over the Bible School work, Friends Quarterlies had Patent insides. We knew that this would not do, and straightway began with much trembling the editing of our very own original Penn Quarterlies. This has been no mean chore, for it was a new field for us entirely. And we found that it was much easier to be critical than correct. Right here we are desirous of thanking the many who have given us constructive criticism.

The following figures will show the sale of Friends Supplies for the different years in this five year period:

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| 1918 | $ 6,434.40 |
| 1919 | 7,782.84 |
| 1920 | 9,258.11 |
| 1921 | 10,042.13 |
| 1922 (Ten Months) | 13,982.56 |
| Total | $47,500.04 |

Added to our joyful task was the removing of our office from Fairmount to Richmond, and the greater task of Extension work.

Through this effort we have been successful in reaching many more schools with Friendly literature. This work was largely done by our Manager, David E. Henley, who since July

first, 1918, has acted in this capacity, as well as doing some field work in different Yearly Meetings. A great deal of this work has been done also by correspondence, and sending samples of Friends' Supplies to the teachers and officers of our various Bible Schools.

Early in the work of our Bible School Board we saw clearly the urgent need of an Endowment Fund. This Endowment Fund should be at least $200,000. The interest on this to be used in building strong Bible Schools in our midst; to help in cities where we are establishing new meetings, for the way to begin these very often is by way of a Bible School. We are profoundly convinced that herein lies the success of all other departments and Boards in our Society. We cannot impress this too strongly. We have a small beginning of $545.00. Here we think, is an opportunity for an investment that will pay big dividends in soul stuff. We are aware that the kingdom is not measured by dollars and cents, but the original promotion of organized Bible School work is largely dependent upon the financial strength of our Board.

Besides supplying all Bible School needs in literature and accessories we have put ourselves on record as being a SERVICE GIVING ORGANIZATION, by keeping a supply of books for other Boards on hand, and other publications that would be of interest and help to our membership everywhere. This department is conducted under the name "Friends Book and Supply House."

This department was started when the office was moved to Richmond in 1918. During the first twelve months the sales for books alone was about $1,000.00 While during the last twelve months it has amounted to about $5,000. This might easily be doubled if Friends realized that each purchase made through their own house not only cost no more but equalled a contribution to benevolences for it increases our power to serve. The special value of this department is its service to those rather isolated meetings which do not have access to large book stores that carry Friendly books and helps. Religious Education, Missionary interest, worthwhile juvenile literature, books that promote Friendly ideals have been some

of the special aims of the book department. Three Friends' booklets and one for missionary use have been published.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM J. SAYERS, *Secretary.*

61. Ancil E. Ratliff, Treasurer of the Bible School Board, gave the following report of Finances for the past five years. The reports were approved by the Meeting.

**STATEMENT OF CONDITION JUNE 30, 1922**

RESOURCES

| | | |
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| Cash in Bank | $ 911.03 | |
| Cash in Office | 25.00 | |
| | | $ 936.03 |
| Accounts Receivable | | 5,174 |
| Supplies held for sale: | | |
| Books | $2,449.39 | |
| Miscellaneous | 339.40 | |
| | | 2,788.79 |
| Mailing Supplies | | 160.60 |
| Furniture and Equipment | | 535.84 |
| Endowment Fund in Hands of Trustees | | 545.00 |
| | | $10,140.57 |

LIABILITIES

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| Accounts Payable | $ 5,623.20 |
| Endowment Fund | 545.00 |
| Net Worth June 30, 1922 | 3,972.37 |
| | $10,140.57 |

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| Net Worth June 30, 1922 | $3,972.37 | |
| Net Worth August 31, 1917 | 3,313.63 | |
| Increase over 5 years ago | | $ 678.74 |

62. David E. Henley, Business Manager of the Bible School Board, told of one phase of the work carried on by the Board, namely, that of conducting the Friends' Book and Supply House. He emphasized the value of the Bible School literature published by the Board, and stressed the advantage of enlarging the scope and com-

# Financial Summary of the Business of the Bible School Board for the Five-Year Period Ending June 30, 1922

## 9-1-18 to 6-30-1922

| | Year 8-31-18 | Year 8-31-19 | Year 8-31-20 | Year 8-31-21 | Period to 6-30-1922 | Totals 4 yrs. 10 mo. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Balance beginning each year. | $ 1,073.48 | $ 679.98 | $ 219.99 | $ 127.42 | $ 2,303.85 | $ 1,073.48 |
| Sale Friends Supplies..... | 6,434.40 | 7,782.84 | 9,258.11 | 10,042.13 | 13,982.56 | 47,500.04 |
| Sales other Supplies ..... | 10,175.13 | 12,383.12 | 14,324.52 | 18,101.17 | 12,295.37 | 67,279.31 |
| Donations ..... | 278.78 | 304.49 | 1,575.62 | | 227.27 | 2,386.16 |
| Five Years Meeting ..... | | 324.50 | 2,694.03 | 13,665.54 | 3,629.14 | 20,313.21 |
| Miscellaneous ..... | 5.03 | | 8.68 | | 234.65 | 248.36 |
| Endowment ..... | | | 545.00 | | | 545.00 |
| Interest on Endowment ..... | | | | 12.26 | 17.50 | 29.76 |
| Total Receipts ..... | $16,893.34 | $20,794.95 | $28,405.96 | $41,821.10 | $30,386.49 | $138,301.84 |
| Totals ..... | $17,966.82 | $21,474.93 | $28,625.95 | $41,948.52 | $32,690.34 | $139,375.32 |
| DISBURSEMENTS—— | | | | | | |
| Salary and Expenses..... | $ 3,208.97 | $ 4.296.25 | $ 7,149.20 | $ 8,433.26 | $ 6.541.91 | $ 29,629.59 |
| Merchandise Purchased..... | 13,945.87 | 16,958.69 | 20,804.33 | 31,101.16 | 25,071.56 | 107.881.61 |
| Equipment ..... | 132.00 | | | 110.25 | 140.84 | 383.09 |
| Endowment Trustees ..... | | | 545.00 | | | 545.00 |
| Total Disbursements ..... | $17,286.84 | $21,254.94 | $28,498.53 | $39,644.67 | $31,754.31 | $138,439.29 |
| Balance at close of each year | 679.98 | 219.99 | 127.42 | 2,303.85 | 936.03 | 936.03 |
| Totals ..... | $17,966.82 | $21,474.93 | $28,625.95 | $41,948.52 | $32,690.34 | $139,375.32 |

bining the acticities of the Bible School and Publication Boards.

63. Chester A. Hadley, delegate from Oregon Yearly Meeting was excused from further service as representative, he having just received notice of the decease of his father, Lewis I. Hadley.

64. Edgar H. Stranahan gave a thoughtful and comprehensive address on the subject, "Religious Education and Training for Leadership." Religious education was defined, and a program for such education outlined. The development of religious education in our denomination was traced and an earnest plea made that Friends of today undertake to fulfill their duty toward the young people and children by providing careful and thorough religious instruction in both home and Bible School.

Appreciation for the address was expressed by a number of Friends and it was directed published in the minutes.

Then adjourned to meet Sixth Day, the eighth, at 9:00 A. M.

## SIXTH DAY, THE EIGHTH

### 9:00 A. M.

The Meeting convened in accordance with adjournment, and settled into a time of quietness and devotion.

65. Timothy Nicholson read the following telegram from Joseph J. Mills:

> Please convey to the Five Years Meeting my deep appreciation of its message and my prayerful interest in the work of its current session, especially in promotion of spiritual solidarity among American Friends and their zeal in world wide Christian influence, the door for which stands open before our denomination. J. J. Mills.

66. The minutes of the two previous sessions were read, and with some additions, approved.

67. The action of the Meeting in authorizing the publication of the address of Edgar H. Stranahan on Religious Education, was re-considered and the matter of publishing this and other addresses in the minutes of the Meeting was referred to the Business Committee.

68. The Meeting expressed appreciation to E. Gurney Hill for the beautiful roses placed by him on the Clerks' table.

69. A request from the Oregon Delegation that H. Elmer Pemberton be appointed to fill the vacancy in that delegation caused by the call of Chester A. Hadley to his father's funeral was granted by the Meeting.

70. The following report of the Board on Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic was presented by S. Edgar Nicholson, Chairman, and approved by the Meeting.

S. Edgar Nicholson deplored the policy of many American newspapers with reference to the Eighteenth Amendment and the Volstead Act. The motion pictures, he declared, are also responsible for failure to create a proper sentiment for law-enforcement. He urged the appointment of temperance committees in every Bible School and called attention to the certainty that the coming generation will not understand the danger of intemperance and evils of the liquor traffic, unless proper instruction is given.

## THE BOARD ON PROHIBITION

The prohibition history of the last five years marks an era of unparalleled achievement. The vision which came to a few pioneers more than a century ago has been realized in the coming of national prohibition. Within nine weeks after the adjournment of the last Five Years Meeting Congress had

adopted the resolution submitting a prohibition amendment to the Federal constitution for the action of the several state legislatures. Immediately an unprecedented rivalry for speedy action began which is without a parallel in the history of amendments to our American constitution.

Had all the state legislatures convened in 1918, it is a matter of common knowledge that national prohibition would have dated from the summer of 1918 instead of from January 16, 1919. Several of the state legislatures ratified the amendment on the first day of the session, while a majority of them acted as speedily as the rules of the Senate and House would permit. When we consider the fact that only two states have failed to ratify the Eighteenth Amendment, Connecticut and Rhode Island, and that even the House of Representatives in Connecticut has adopted a ratifying resolution, there would seem to be small encouragement for the friends of the liquor traffic to expect a reversal of a public opinion that could command friendly support of national prohibition with such a degree of unanimity.

During the past five years your Board has found rather frequent opportunity to speak and act in behalf of prohibition in the name of the Five Years Meeting. It may be said that the Board rendered its full share of service in behalf of ratification in the various states where Friends reside. Following ratification we have borne testimony from time to time in behalf of the adequate enforcement of the prohibition laws and whenever occasion has required, by resolution, by letter, and sometimes by telegram, we have petitioned Congress and other legislative bodies in behalf of legislation that was required to give full voice and effect to the Eighteenth Amendment. At different times the Chairman of your Board has appeared before committees of Congress in support of prohibition and enforcement legislation, speaking in behalf of the Board. During the greater part of the last five years the Chairman, while serving another prohibition agency, has found repeated opportunity to express the almost universal sentiment of Friends of the Five Years Meeting in behalf of prohibition and its adequate enforcement as an ideal policy of government. Mary Sibbitt, a member of the Executive Committee, rendered large

service in behalf of prohibition, having delivered more than 1200 prohibition addresses during the past five years.

Your Board has been in communication every year with the Temperance Committees of the various Yearly Meetings, with suggestions of procedure that would fit into the general prohibition program. At different times we have published literature in quantities that have been sold for the most part, either at cost price or at half price, to the Temperance committees of the Yearly Meetings for distribution, the remaining circulars being distributed directly by your Board. These circulars have set forth in concrete terms the effects of prohibition, have suggested a program of action for local meetings and communities, and have endeavored to reveal the exact prohibition situation in the country, all of which would serve as a basis for intelligent and effective procedure on the part of all Friends.

Your Board has felt the importance of continued education that would establish clearly in the minds of many who have evidently given little thought to the question, the "why" of prohibition. After several conferences we had planned a year ago to begin on a small scale a systematic but positive campaign of prohibition education among certain foreign speaking elements, especially in New England, in the hope that this would open the way for an extension of similar work to other communities. Much to our regret, however, we found that it was the judgment of the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting that the Prohibition Board could not expect participation in the United Budget, except to a very limited degree. It became necessary, therefore, for us to abandon these plans for the present. This is a kind of work, however, which needs to be done, and Friends cannot sidestep their responsibility in doing at least their full share of work along this line. We would strongly urge that the framers of the next United Budget give larger recognition to the prohibition situation in the country by designating a larger amount for the use of the Prohibition Board.

It is a matter of disappointment that a few of the Yearly Meetings have abandoned their Temperance Committees by merging their work with other interests under some such general name as a Public Welfare Committee. In our judgment

this is detrimental to the cause. The prohibition issue is not yet settled. In keeping with the general lawlessness of the whole liquor traffic, as demonstrated throughout its existence, even now in face of the Eighteenth Amendment and all the laws which have been enacted for its enforcement, the friends of the traffic are manifesting a lawless spirit and a persistence in their attempts to nullify existing legislation that is little short of anarchistic. Until the opponents of prohibition cease their activity and abandon their organized efforts in behalf of anarchy, not only every Yearly Meeting but every Monthly Meeting should maintain intact its temperance committee under a name that will indicate clearly the object of its appointment, in order to be ready for service at any and all times that will aid in the permanent establishment of the prohibition cause.

At present more than thirty organizations opposed to prohibition are at work with the declared purpose of electing a Congress that will repeal or at least modify the Volstead Enforcement Act and various pieces of supplementary legislation. Certain newspapers continue to preach prohibition anarchy, while certain citizens more or less prominent do not hesitate to throw their influence in favor of the violation of law. Under such circumstances the enforcement of the prohibition law has gone forward under difficulties. It was not to be expected that such a social revolution as national prohibition could be firmly and completely established within a week or a month.

The recent report, however, of Prohibition Commissioner Haynes shows remarkable progress during the last twelve months in the direction of more satisfactory enforcement of the prohibition laws. The withdrawals of liquor in bond have been tremendously decreased, while smuggling across the Canadian border and from other adjacent territory, including the islands in the Atlantic, has been materially lessened. There are many evidences to show that the making of "home brew" and the operation of private stills were more or less of a fad, which is now being abandoned in many communities, either by the compulsion of Federal or local officers or because the experiment has not proved to be interesting.

The records show that drunkenness in the United States has decreased more than 65 per cent. since the coming of pro-

hibition, while within the same period of time drunkenness has increased in England more than 60 per cent. Practically every city in America, including the former wet centers, has shown a marked decrease in criminality, in vagrancy, in hospital cases and even in mortality. A remarkable incident connected with the prohibition regime is a statement from a Bulletin of the Industrial Department of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company under date of June 14, 1922, that the death rate from alcoholism of 4.9 per 100,000 in 1917 has been reduced to 0.9 per 100,000 in 1921. Figures for 1921 show a decided decrease in deaths due to apoplexy, heart disease, and chronic nephritis. The benefits of prohibition as shown by reports from every state in the Union reveal the fact that every pledge that was made by the advocates of prohibition before its enactment are being redeemed in a very large degree, despite the fact that prohibition is not yet fully enforced in all sections of the country. In a recent issue of "The Manufacturers Record of Baltimore," which has printed a second edition, on "The Prohibition Question Viewed from the Economic and Moral Standpoint," there is a volume of testimony from manufacturers, railroad officials, and other leaders in the economic and industrial world, in practically unanimous support of the great value which prohibition has brought to our American life.

Your Board has been interested in the question of the sale of liquor on our American ships and upon foreign ships within the three mile limit, a subject which is receiving the attention of the American people. The Treasury Department has asked the Attorney General for a ruling upon the effect of the Volstead Act with reference to the sale of liquor on shipboard. The Attorney General heard legal arguments upon the question, and your Board, together with numerous other prohibition agencies asked Wayne B. Wheeler to represent it in his argument, and in the legal brief which was filed in support of the position that the Volstead Act inhibits the sale of liquor upon our ships wherever they may be. We have an acknowledgment from the Attorney General of the interest which our Board has had in the subject.

Other nations are watching the prohibition experiment in the United States. We cannot afford to make a failure of it here. Public opinion must continue to be educated so that it

will not only support but will demand the adequate enforcement of all prohibition legislation.

Were the United States to yield now to the demands of lawlessness, it would be a serious reflection upon the ability of the American people to govern themselves under our form of popular government. The contest must go on until not only will America be free from the curse of the liquor traffic, but the success of our experiment here will insure the success of similar movements already well under way in other countries.

Respectfully submitted,
For the Board,
S. Edgar Nicholson, *Chairman.*

71. Richard C. Green, Treasurer of the Board on Prohibition presented the following report, which was approved:

**REPORT OF TREASURER OF PROHIBITION BOARD**

Receipts

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| From 5 years Guarantee Fund | | $ 437.10 |
| From Forward Movement Fund | | 254.79 |
| From First United Budget | | 224.38 |
| From Second United Budget | | 26.59 |
| From Literature sold | | 159.54 |
| From Baltimore Yearly Meeting | | 5.00 |
| Total | | $1107.40 |

Disbursements

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Nicholson Printing Co., Literature | $ 256.78 | |
| Paid Traveling and other expenses of chairman of Board | 278.05 | |
| Paid Central Office account | 25.00 | |
| Total disbursement | $ 559.83 | 559.83 |
| Balance on hand 6-30-1922 | | $ 547.57 |

72. A proposition from the Board on Prohibition that S. Edgar Nicholson be sent to the International Convention of the World League Against Alcoholism to be held

at Toronto, Canada, November 24-29, 1922, as the official representative of the Five Years Meeting was approved, the Board on Prohibition bearing travelling expenses.

73. The following resolutions were presented by S. Edgar Nicholson on behalf of the Board on Prohibition and referred to the Business Committee for consideration:

Be it resolved by the Five Years Meeting of the Friends in America that we re-affirm our belief in the policy of the prohibition of the liquor traffic, as being the only right attitude of governments toward such an evil to society and to the state.

We protest strongly against any weakening of the Volstead and other enforcement acts, which are designed not only to give vitality to an important article of the Federal constitution, but to purify the social order from the contamination and debauchery of a system which can have no legitimate place in the life of a moral people.

We stand for the observance and the enforcement of the laws which prohibit the traffic in strong drink, and call upon all officers, who are clothed with executive and judicial authority, to administer these laws with impartial justice, to the end that the life of the nation may have full opportunity for that enjoyment, happiness and prosperity that is vouchsafed by the preamble of our national constitution.

We encourage our members to support no candidate for public office who favors a return of the liquor system, and who is not ready to support the requirements of his official obligations in the suppression of the outlawed traffic in intoxicating liquors.

74. Timothy Nicholson, President of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, urged Friends to be watchful and wide-awake that the foes of temperance may gain no advantage.

75. John Henry Barlow, of London, stated that English Friends are watching with keen interest the prohibition movement in America. Temperance workers in England look to America as a star of hope with the ear-

nest expectation that she fail not nor weaken her position. Friends were urged not to relax for a moment that vigilance which is the price of freedom.

76. The following recommendations from the Business Committee were presented by Rufus M. Jones:

(1) We recommend that a minute be sent to all subordinate meetings in the Five Years Meeting, urging them to make use of a uniform record book. Further, that care of preparation of the same be left with the Executive Committee, with the hope that this book may be prepared without undue delay.

This recommendation was approved.

(2) We recommend that the Five Years Meeting endeavor to close on the night of Second Day, next.

The Meeting approved this recommendation.

(3) We recommend that the Five Years Meeting express its sympathy with one of our delegates, Chester A. Hadley, in the death of his father, Lewis I. Hadley, and that we send a message of sympathy to the family.

The Meeting approved and directed the clerk to send a message as suggested.

(4) We recommend the appointment of Francis A. Wright as auditor of all accounts of the Five Years Meeting.

This recommendation met with the approval of the Meeting.

(5) We recommend the appointment of D. W. Edwards, of Indianapolis, John H. Johnson, of Richmond, Indiana, and John B. Peelle, of Sabina, Ohio, as Trustees of the Five Years Meeting.

The Meeting approved of this recommendation and they were appointed accordingly.

(6) With regard to paragraph 7 of the report of the Executive Committee, (See page 56) this Committee recommends the approval of this action, (having to do with reorganization of Boards) amended to read as follows:

We recommend that the work which has in the past been under the care of the Publication Board and the Bible School

Board be differently distributed and somewhat enlarged according to the following plan, namely: That instead of the two Boards just mentioned, the Five Years Meeting should authorize first, a Publication Board, and second, a Board on Religious Education.

We recommend that the Publication Board shall consist of seven members, six of whom are to be appointed by the Five Years Meeting, and the seventh to be a member of the Board on Religious Education appointed by said Board on Religious Education. We further recommend that the Publication Board shall have charge of the publication both of *The American Friend* and of our Bible School publications, including the selection of the editors of *The American Friend,* the appointment of the editorial staff of the Bible School publications on the nomination of the Board on Religious Education, and be responsible for the business management of *The American Friend,* the Bible School publications and the Book and Supply House.

We recommend further that the proposed Board on Religious Education shall consist of one member from each Yearly Meeting, to be appointed by the Yearly Meeting delegations, and five members at large to be appointed by the Five Years Meeting, this Board to have charge of the promotion of the Bible School work, the nomination to the Publication Board of the editorial staff of the Bible School publications, the encouragement of the reading of Friends' literature, and other forms of religious education through the various agencies of the church.

After discussion of this recommendation, final action was deferred until the evening session.

Then adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

## SIXTH DAY, THE EIGHTH

## 2:30 P. M.

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment and entered into a devotional period.

77. S. Edgar Nicholson presented the following doc-

ument which was referred to the Business Committee for its consideration:

*To the Five Years Meeting:*

A leading churchman of another denomination has said recently, that unless the Christian Church can bring an effective message of permanent peace to the world, it will not be long until it will have little opportunity to give an effective message upon any other subject.

It is encouraging to know that Christian leaders in many denominations are coming to believe that the Church generally must stand against war as being in conflict with the way of life which Jesus came to establish among men.

Believing that the time has come when the Christian basis of peace must inevitably call for serious consideration on the part of all followers of our Lord, we ask the Five Years Meeting to consider prayerfully the desirability of issuing a call, separately or in conjunction with other denominations which bear testimony against war, to the Christian churches to join in a conference for the purpose of facing and considering the question of "The Christian Attitude Toward War," the same to be held at some suitable date, after these denominations have had sufficient time to consider and respond to the call.

78. The Business Committee presented the following recommendations:

(1) We approve of paragraph 6 in the report of the Executive Committee, (See page 63) amended to read as follows including the addition of sub-paragraph (9):—

6. As a result of the work of the Committee for the past five-year period we have reached certain definite conclusions which we state below, recommending that the principles and general methods of work be approved by the Five Years Meeting as a basis on which the work of the church, as represented by the Five Years Meeting, may be carried on with hope of increasing the effiicency of our organized efforts and increasing also the ability of local meetings and individual members to do their part in showing forth the life of Christ to the world, viz.:—

(1) We recognize the general principle in planning the work of the church, that all lines or departments should be developed together. Since our Boards in general represent these

different lines of work, we would apply this principle by saying that unless each Board receives its appropriate support not only the Board consciously neglected suffers, but all Boards suffer, and so the whole church suffers with it.

(2) Since intelligent and conscientious support can be given only on the basis of reliable information, we believe that some general plan of co-operative publicity should be adopted and carried out, thus providing for a diffusion of knowledge regarding each department of the work of the church.

(3) Since the adequate support of the work of the church requires that some devote their entire time to distinctly religious service, and that all give both spiritual support by prayer and consecration, and financial support as they may be able, we believe that some general plan should be adopted and carried out by which all our members may come to know what is meant by the Christian view of Stewardship of Life, and Stewardship of Property.

(4) Since decisions as to choice of lines of Christian Service are not likely to be made by young men and women without seeing definite opportunities for such service open before them, we believe that some general plan must be adopted and carried out by which these definite opportunities for service shall be placed before our members, especially our young people, in such a way as to make it certain that our young men and women will see clearly not only the fields white unto the harvest, but see also with some degree of clearness the particular way in which they can be of service in some especial field.

(5) Since men and women busy with heavy responsibilities may easily neglect to make plans to contribute adequately of their means to the work of the church, we believe that at least once in each year in each local meeting a day or a few days should be set aside after the general manner of the Every-Member-Canvass, when each member shall be asked to consider the needs of the work and his ability in relation thereto. We believe that in so far as it may be possible the same day or days should be chosen by the meetings in a given Yearly Meeting for this work.

(6) Since changing conditions from year to year make changes in the relative needs and opportunities of the several

Boards, we believe that each year the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting should ask each Board to prepare and submit the Budget which it feels may be needed with which to maintain and carry forward the work entrusted to it by the church. On the basis of this information the Executive Committee shall determine as carefully as may be possible the respective amounts which represent the needs of the Boards for the ensuing year, and that this judgment should be furnished to all meetings. We believe further that except in case of some unforeseen crisis, no Board or agency of the Five Years Meeting should feel at liberty to make a widespread financial appeal without first consulting the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting and receiving its approval in the matter.

(7) Since changing conditions from year to year in the respective meetings constituting the Five Years Meeting make changes in the relative ability of the membership to assume financial obligations, we believe that each meeting, each year should, with the information as to the needs of the church before it, decide what portion of the amounts approved as reasonable and necessary by the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting it should assume obligation for, and when such decision is reached that the pledge thus made should be considered no less binding than any other business obligation and should be paid within the fiscal year.

(8) Finally, while we recognize the fact that each Yearly Meeting in the Five Years Meeting has within its own limits, needs and opportunities which might readily absorb all its efforts and all its financial resources, we nevertheless firmly believe that just as no local meeting in a Yearly Meeting can adequately perform its local tasks without contributing a due share of its resources of men and money to the work carried on by its Yearly Meeting organization, so no Yearly Meeting can adequately meet the responsibilities within its limits without contributing a due share in men and money toward carrying out the broader plans and larger tasks which are considered and approved by the Five Years Meeting.

(9) Under this plan each member is given full opportunity to allocate his funds to the line of work in which he is most

deeply interested. Uniform subscription cards will be provided for this purpose.

The Meeting approved the recommendation.

(2) We recommend the printing of 5000 copies of the minutes, the printing and the distribution of the same to be left with the Central Office.

The recommendation was approved.

(3) We recommend that the Committee on Arrangements for the next Five Years Meeting arrange so that the members of Friends who give addresses shall provide manuscripts suitable for printing.

The recommendation was approved.

(4) We approve that part of the report of the Executive Committee in regard to the payment of $3500.00 to the Inter-Church World Movement.

The recommendation was approved.

(5) We recommend that the proposition that a paid Treasurer, giving full time to the business administration of the Five Years Meeting be referred to the Executive Committee with power to work out the whole matter of employed officers in an economic and efficient way.

The recommendation was approved.

(6) We recommend that a vote of appreciation be given to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting, E. G. Crawford.

The recommendation was approved.

(7) We recommend that all funds raised by the various Yearly Meetings for the use of the Five Years Meeting and its Boards be sent to the Yearly Meeting Treasurers and by them forwarded directly to the Treasurer of the Five Years Meeting, rather than being sent to the separate Boards. The Treasurers of the Yearly Meetings are requested to make very clear the proper allocation of all funds.

The Meeting approved the recommendation.

(8) We call the attention of the Five Years Meeting to the matter of the time and place of the next meeting.

Decision as to time and place of holding the next Five Years Meeting was referred by the Meeting to the Executive Committee.

79. John Henry Barlow, of London Yearly Meeting, Clerk of the All Friends' Conference of 1920, gave a very clear interpretation of the spirit of that memorable gathering. He told of the concern leading to the holding of the Conference, and emphasized its outstanding significance as being an extraordinary unity of spirit prevailing in the midst of diverse opinions and various theological points of view. This unity was possible because the members of the Conference came together with a great ideal. Coupled with this there was a great will and purpose characterizing those who attended. The atmosphere of faith and hope and love also enabled Friends to unite. These three elements welded the Conference into a marvelous oneness of spirit and enabled the body to send forth vital messages to the world. In closing, John Henry Barlow urged Friends to set no limit to the possible. Our God is able.

James Wood voiced appreciation for the message with which feeling the Meeting united, being assured that the way toward unity had been set before us.

80. A message from Gwendolyn and Corder Catchpool, English Friends, appointed by London Yearly Meeting to attend the Five Years Meeting, but unable to do so, was read.

81. Ora W. Carrell, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Young Friends Activities, explained that Paul J. Furnas, Chairman of the Board, was unable to be present and read a message from him. The purpose, spirit and ideals of the Young Friends Board were outlined by Ora Carrell.

82. Clarence E. Pickett, Executive Secretary of the Young Friends Board, presented the following report of the Board which was approved. He gave the Meeting

information as to the various activities and methods of procedure on the part of the Board and an intimate insight into the methods by which decisions were reached and plans carried out.

## THE BOARD OF YOUNG FRIENDS ACTIVITIES

### Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Young Friends Board appointed by the Five Years Meeting in 1917 consisted of the following persons: Paul J. Furnas, chairman; Ora W. Carrell, vice-chairman; Ethel Hawkins Wall, recording secretary; Chester L. Reagan, treasurer, and Lillian E. Hayes. The personnel of the Committee has remained unchanged during the five-year period with one exception. In 1921, the resignation of Ethel Hawkins Wall was accepted with regret and the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting appointed Ruth Hoskins, of Western Yearly Meeting, to complete the unexpired term. Also, during the absence of Lillian E. Hayes in Jamaica, Helen E. Hawkins, of Wilmington Yearly Meeting, has acted in her place.

During the five-year period the Executive Committee has usually met three times each year for counsel and prayer, to hear reports of what has been done, and to plan for the execution of our program. In addition to the meetings of the Executive Committee the entire Board, which is made up of the Executive Committee and the chairman, or active executive, of the Young Friends organization in each Yearly Meeting, has met twice during the period and has spent a number of days together considering the interests of the young people in the Yearly Meetings comprising the Five Years Meeting. In addition to these meetings, a conference of Yearly Meeting representatives has been held each year at the time of the Young Friends General Conference.

#### Secretarial Workers

At the beginning of its period of service the Executive Committee asked Lillian E. Hayes to continue to carry on the work as Secretary to the Board, which she had been doing since the appointment of the Board in 1912. This she did in ad-

dition to her work as secretary of the Young Friends Conference of which she had been secretary since its founding. In 1919 Lillian Hayes resigned and Clarence E. Pickett was secured to act as Executive Secretary. He has remained with the Board throughout the remainder of the period. H. Mabel Kassen has been the office secretary during the five-year period. This constitutes the permanent staff for the period, though at times it has been necessary to have temporary assistance. In addition, members of the Executive Committee have given time in meeting the calls of young people's organizations in the various Yearly Meetings and in attending inter-denominational conferences and Christian Endeavor executive meetings.

### Lines of Activity

The following have been the chief lines of activity which have been followed during the past five years:

1. *Organization.*

A majority of the meetings where there is organized Young People's work, have Christian Endeavor Societies. The committee has therefore given much thought to ways and means of increasing the vitality of our Christian Endeavor work. Special topics have been provided in *The American Friend* each week, plans for making the meeting less formal and more spiritual have from time to time been promoted, and frequently help has been given in organizing societies. It has also co-operated freely with the United Society of Christian Endeavor in promoting the interests of the Movement.

A large number of study classes have been formed during the five years. The questions involved in war and peace which were so pertinent at the beginning of our term of service caused a great deal of interest in study classes centering around this issue. Also, there has been an increasing interest in the study of the history and beliefs of Friends and of the social application of Christianity. Our office has been active in supplying suggestions for organization, and in securing material for such study groups and fellowship circles.

2. *Literature.*

The Conference *News-Bulletin,* centering its interests around the Young Friends Conference, was published for the first two years. The increase in cost of printing made it seem

advisable to drop this publication, but much of its value has been conserved in the mimeographed Conference Round Robin which has acted as a bond among Conference alumni.

The Board has had the use of one page in *The American Friend* each week and has frequently issued special Young Friends Numbers of *The American Friend.*

In order better to meet the demand for a study outline of Quakerism, a small booklet was published, written by Samuel L. Haworth, under the title, "Friendly Faith and Practice, Eight Studies in the Constitution and Discipline of Friends." Also, a pamphlet of similar size has been published giving in brief the history of the Society of Friends in the form of study lessons. A series of questions about Friends History was issued and has been used widely in Quarterly Meeting conferences. A large number of book reviews have been published in an effort to stimulate reading of books which would help to meet the needs of Young Friends.

A Sub-Committee called the Human Relations Committee was appointed to make a study of ways and means of more systematically interesting the young people in our schools and colleges in the application of Christian principles to the problems of race, industry and the whole social order. This Committee selected and distributed to all of the libraries in our schools and colleges a number of pamphlets which were used in classes studying English literature, debating, history, etc. During the past year a series of questions intended to provoke thought on the part of our students about the way in which their summer holiday was to be used were distributed to students of our colleges just before the close of the college year.

A number of pageants and dramas depicting the needs and opportunities of Friends have also been prepared and circulated for use in local and quarterly meetings.

*3. The American Friend Campaign.*

It has always been the ambition of the Young Friends Board to be a help to the whole church in realizing its program. To this end, on two different occasions, at the request of the Publication Board, the office has promoted campaigns to increase the circulation of *The American Friend.* As a result of the last effort a permanent organization of representatives

of *The American Friend* in a large number of our meetings has been built up and is now in operation.

*4. Schools and Colleges.*

A definite effort has been made by the Young Friends Board to put before all of our colleges and in a number of our secondary schools, also before Friends students in non-Quaker institutions, the Christian ideal in regard to all vocations. The Board has organized deputations to our colleges for three successive years. These deputations consisting of from one to five persons have visited all of our colleges, presenting in public address the appeal of various life callings and in personal conference have talked over with students their own personal problems and spiritual life and their vocational ambition. Following these personal conferences, a record is made of the vocational ambition, training, etc., of each student and arrangements have been made to follow up by personal correspondence each of the persons interviewed. The logical conclusion has been that there is a chance for the Young Friends Board to help place these young people, when they leave college, in positions where they can be of maximum service in the Kingdom through whatever calling they may enter.

A vocational bureau has been instituted and a large amount of work has been done in placing Young Friends in positions as teachers, ministers, business men, missionaries, and teachers in foreign countries. During the past year our Committee has co-operated with the Home Service Committee of the American Friends Service Committee in this work most satisfactorily and the scope of the work has been greatly enlarged.

For the past two years the Secretary of the Board has been invited to represent the Society of Friends at the Y. M. C. A. Student Conference at Lake Geneva. This has formed another contact with the Young Friends who are students in our colleges.

Each year the Secretary has visited a large number of colleges, universities and secondary schools in the interest of this department of the work. There are at present about two hundred Young Friends in institutions other than those under the direction of Friends and there is an increasing demand for the formation of groups which shall meet for worship and shall keep in touch with the life of the denomination while they are

students of these various institutions. We consider this work of utmost importance.

*5. Conferences.*

The Young Friends General Conference has never been officially placed under the control of the Executive Committee of the Young Friends Board, but the work of the Board has always been closely associated with it and during the past five years the committee having charge of the Conference has been made up largely of the Executive Committee of the Board. A good deal of thought and time has been given to this Conference which has experienced a healthy and constant growth in spirit and in size. The greatest effort is put forth to make the whole Conference a pervading inspiration which shall touch the life of each one who attends and to make the training given, back this inspiration with definite knowledge of ways and means of putting the inspiration into practice. Our deepest purpose has been for the Conference to lead those who attend to vitally live the Christian life in every aspect of their daily living and to be more intelligent and useful members of their local meetings. The meetings to which these young people have gone back can themselves give the best testimony as to how effectively the purpose has been realized.

Numerous Quarterly Meeting conferences have been held each year during the past five years, and the number of Yearly Meetings having a Young Friends Conference of their own has increased. While these conferences cannot themselves by any means complete the work which should be done by Young Friends, they are an indication of an increasing eagerness to be more intelligent and consecrated servants of Christ.

In 1920, our Committee co-operated with those Friends who planned the London All Friends Conference and the International Conference of Young Friends held at Jordans, England, in securing a delegation of American Young Friends to attend these gatherings. Ninety-three American Young Friends attended one or both of these gatherings, and new international contacts and responsibilities came to the work of the Committee as a result of those Conferences.

Throughout the entire period of our work there has been a spirit of complete co-operation with the United Society of Christian Endeavor. Friendly conference hours have been ar-

ranged at state and national Christian Endeavor Conventions. Our Secretary has been invited into the counsels of the United Society of Christian Endeavor and one member of our Executive Committee is now a trustee of the United Society organization.

*6. Teachers Fellowship.*

There are approximately eleven hundred American Young Friends who are engaged in the teaching profession. Among these are some of the young Friends who are most active in movements in their own local Meetings and in their school for the purpose of helping their students to know what it means to be a Christian and to respond to that call. To further this ideal a desire grew up on the part of the teachers themselves, to have a Fellowship of those who are engaged in this profession. It was felt that frequent discussions of the character problems raised in the profession would be useful. Also, if literature which might be useful to teachers in various types of schools could be secured and circulated, it would be a most valuable service. There is no question but that through this body of teachers most of whom are engaged in the public schools of our country, we have an almost unprecedented opportunity to carry the message of the gospel of Christ in its fullest sense and as Friends understand it, to thousands of boys and girls who, if the approach can be properly made, will give a lasting response. Although the work of this Fellowship is only in its beginnings the evidences thus far point to a greater service in the future. It has carried on its operations through the office of the Young Friends Board and in very close cooperation with it.

*7. Work Among Younger Friends.*

An increasing concern has been felt that a sense of responsibility for the work of the church and the spread of the Kingdom should be brought to the boys and girls of high school age. During the past two years the Board has been in touch with about eleven hundred young people of this age. Our workers have written to them concerning further training, concerning their own spiritual life and what they plan to do with their life, and have endeavored to be of service to pastors in promoting preparation classes for membership; and have circulated

books concerning work among adolescent boys and girls. The Board has also, made special provision for young people of this age at the Young Friends General Conference. The response to this work may be judged by the fact that probably half of the attenders at the last Young Friends Conference were under nineteen years of age.

*8. Co-operation of Younger and Older.*

It becomes increasingly clear that the work of the church requires most devoted service of both young and old. The past five years has seen a decided increase in the number of young Friends who are appointed to places of responsibility in Monthly, Quarterly, Yearly Meeting and Five Years Meeting positions. This does not mean that the Young Friends wish to control but that their gifts and abilities are being recognized, and we wish to encourage this development. Frequently, our Secretary is called into counsel with the pastoral committee of local meetings and the Meeting on Ministry and Oversight of Quarterly Meetings over the problems of the younger people; and the custom of Monthly and Quarterly Meetings sending their own representative to the Young Friends Conference has come to be practiced by more and more Monthly and Quarterly Meetings.

*9. Finances.*

The five-year period opened with a deficit of several hundred dollars in the treasury of the Young Friends Board and without any regular source of income, but with the devoted support of a large number of Young Friends with contributions of small amounts and of a few older Friends with larger amounts this condition was overcome and the gap bridged until the United Budget was inaugurated. The Young Friends budget has been carefully and prayerfully determined and since the initial deficit the Board has not gone into debt. Due to the severe reduction of expected income from the United Budget during the past year it has again been necessary to supplement the Board's income from outside sources. It has also been necessary to practice a somewhat too rigorous economy. No doubt a financial report of all the Boards of the Five Years Meeting will be available as of a later date than this report but the plans of the Board have been so arranged that the

Five Year period will undoubtedly be closed with all debts paid and without a deficit.

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the fact that in times of need the Board has received financial support from a number of Friends not members of the Five Years Meeting who have given their contributions of money in such a way as to make them also a true spiritual support.

*10. The Spirit of the Work.*

In closing this report we should like to share with Friends something of the experience which has been ours through this work.

When our Executive Committee was appointed by the Five Years Meeting only one of us had had previous official connection with the work. We had no intimation of the responsibility which was to be placed upon our shoulders. We were without plan or program. We had only one support. That was our faith that if we were willing we would be led in ways wiser than our own. Our faith was sometimes halting. There have been many difficult problems. But as we have wrestled with them, clinging to our faith, that if we but truly sought His guidance the right way would be made known, we have come into a deep sense of spiritual unity. At times there have been widely different initial opinions on steps that should be taken but we have never taken any action in which the whole committee did not concur. We are sure that we have fallen short in many things, but we bring our term of service in this work to a close with a deep sense of thankfulness to our common Father for the experience of Divine leadership and with a prayer that our successors as more perfect instruments of this same faith may help our boys and girls, and young men and women, to come fully into the inheritance which is theirs.

Signed on behalf of The Board of Young Friends Activities.

PAUL J. FURNAS, *Chairman.*

83. Sumner Mills stated that he spoke as a representative of Young Friends living in the rural section of the middle west. With clearness he set forth the ideal of service that many young Friends have caught. The very great necessity for accepting the principles of Christ

and allowing them free play in our lives was emphasized.

After a brief devotional period, the meeting adjourned to 7:45 this evening.

## SIXTH DAY, THE EIGHTH
## 7:45 P. M.

The Meeting assembled in accordance with adjournment. A period of worship was observed.

84. The minutes of the two previous sessions were read and, with some changes, approved.

85. A request from some members of the North Carolina delegation relative to advisability of having an order of procedure prepared for funerals, marriages, and other public occasions, was referred to the Business Committee.

86. Stephen M. Hadley on behalf of the Iowa delegation extended an invitation to the next Five Years Meeting to convene at Oskaloosa, Iowa. The invitation was referred to the Executive Committee.

87. The following report of members of the Federal Council of Churches representing the Five Years Meeting, was approved:

### REPORT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES REPRESENTING THE FIVE YEARS MEETING

Shortly prior to the quadrennial meeting of the Federal Council of Churches held at Boston in December 1921, the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting appointed the following as delegates and alternates to that meeting and as members of the Federal Council for the ensuing quadrenniun: Members: Stephen M. Hadley, Mary Doan Hole, Murray S. Kenworthy, Mary S. Paige, Albert G. Shepard, Walter C .Woodward; Alternates: Samuel L. Haworth, Margaret T. Carey, Richard R. Newby, Dr. William V. Coffin, Mary M. Harold.

Of the members appointed all were present but Stephen M. Hadley, his place being taken by Samuel L. Haworth. Other Friends present, counting as "corresponding members" were Charles E. Tebbetts and Morton C. Pearson.

To refresh the minds of Friends regarding the purpose of the Federal Council of Churches of which the Five Years Meeting is a constituent body, we present the following which is a brief authoritative statement of its aims as issued by the Council itself:

"I. To express the fellowship and catholic unity of the Christian Church.

II. To bring the Christian bodies of America into united service for Christ and the world.

III. To encourage devotional fellowship and mutual counsel concerning the spiritual life and religious activities of the churches.

IV. To secure a larger combined influence for the churches of Christ in all matters affecting the moral and social condition of the people, so as to promote the application of the law of Christ in every relation of human life.

V. To assist in the organization of local branches of the Federal Council to promote its aims in their committees."

Some Friends have so far misunderstood the aims of the Council as to look upon it as an organization whose ultimate purpose is to achieve the organic union of the churches. Whatever may be said for or against such a union it may be positively stated that organic union has no part in the program of the Federal Council. In fact our observation has been that the sentiment of the Council has been pronounced that the several movements looking toward organic union, if not to be actually deprecated, should at least be followed with great caution. It seems to be the general opinion among the leaders of the Council that the results aspired to can be much better attained through co-operation of the Protestant evangelical bodies and through the strengthening rather than the weakening of these constituent denominations. In a word, then, the Federal Council is seeking the union which comes through fellowship and service rather than through unity of organization.

It has been questioned at times whether the identification of the Five Years Meeting with the larger body is justified. It is

asked, for example, what practical relationship the work of the Council has to that of Friends and why we should be called upon to support it. The answer may perhaps be suggested in mentioning a few of the principal features of the work which has been and is being accomplished by this federated organization of the Protestant denominations of America.

In a general way it may be stated with some positiveness that not until the organization and growth of the Council was American Protestantism able to express itself in such a united and forceful way as to impress the public sentiment in general or the powers of government in particular when questions of great moral and spiritual import were involved. The time has now come when expression can be made quickly and emphatically in the name of some thirty denominations of the Protestant churches of America with a membership of approximately twenty million people.

Furthermore, there are certain great fields of religious endeavor whose activities are more or less common to all. There are vital problems that loom almost equally before the Protestant churches, the study and solution of which are made possible under a common direction in a way that would not be possible on the part of the denominations themselves. The union of the churches in the Federal Council allows for the careful investigation by expert leaders who may envisage the whole problem and the fruits of whose study may be put at the disposal of all the constituent bodies. A few examples of this service may be cited.

The work of the Council is done principally through commissions roughly corresponding to the Boards of the Five Years Meeting. For example, of particular interest to Friends, is the Commission on Church and Country Life which is studying the conditions of the rural church in order, if possible, to save it from the disaster that threatens it. This commission has made a series of careful studies which have already proved helpful to all those engaged in this difficult and important field.

There is a Commission on International Justice and Good Will that is attempting to make the principles of Christ effective in international relations and which has been trying especially to help solve in a Christian way the relations between our nation and the nations of Mexico and the Orient. While it is

true that Friends have a particular message in this field, are we not duty bound to join with other denominations, both to help them express more effectively their concern for good will and also to manifest the proper spirit of Christian co-operation by joining with them in it although we may lay claim to particularly high grounds in this expression of Christian truth.

One of the most effective commissions of the Council is that on the Church and Social Service which endeavors to discover and make known the Christian principles that should control industrial and social life and to lead the church in removing the strife that threatens the nation and the world. In answer to the criticism that the Federal Council is too hesitant and compromising in its general attitude the work of this Commission may well be cited. Carefully and sympathetically have its leaders proceeded in their investigations but they have been clear and fearless in the publication of facts as they have discovered them and in enunciating Christian principles of action.

The Commission on the Negro Churches and Inter-racial Conditions attempts to stimulate and employ all possible agencies fitted to remove racial strife in our own country.

Another important Commission is that on Christian Education which is attempting to make Christianity function in the education of the young and to off-set the materialistic education of state schools by encouraging Christian institutions equally efficient in secular education and by keeping in the forefront the spiritual view of life.

One of the most important of all the Commissions and which has been doing so effective and constructive a work in the Protestant churches under the leadership of the warm and radiant personality of Charles L. Goodell, is that of the Commission on Evangelism. It has so stimulated this work of Protestantism, especially through the encouragement of pastoral evangelism, that the churches have recently been reaping such a harvest of members as they have not known in years.

The question into which our connection with the Federal Council resolves itself is two-fold: first, it is that of the benefit which the larger organization may be to us. There is hardly a commission whose work does not relate more or less directly to our own work and from which we do not profit. If this is

true it would seem that we have a responsibility for identifying ourselves with the Council and for doing our part in its support.

The second part of the question has to do with the contribution that we may make to the Council. In view of the size of our denomination this suggestion may seem presumptuous. As a matter of fact not once but several times in the history of our connection with it representatives from the Five Years Meeting have expressed so steadfastly and cogently certain principles for which Friends stand that they have been recognized and incorporated in action that has been taken. This but illustrates the place which even a small body may have in the larger one if it speaks as a constituent member with that depth of conviction which is recognized as belonging to Friends.

The question remains as to the share of our financial responsibility in the work of the Council. At its quadrennial meeting in Boston an important departure in the policy of the Council was taken. Theretofore while the constituent bodies had contributed nominal sums to its support, the work for the most part had been made possible by individual subscriptions. It was decided that the time had come when the Federal Council should prepare to execute a more positive program in the field of united action so as to obviate in the future the forming of such organizations as the Interchurch Movement for the accomplishment of definite tasks. The enlarging work made it very difficult, if not impossible, to continue on an uncertain basis of individual subscriptions. Accordingly, the following action was taken: "The Council requests the constituent bodies to provide for the support of the Council and its work on the scale of $300,000 per annum for the next two years and it asks these bodies to accept their equitable apportionment of this amount as may be suggested by the Administrative Commitee."

As members of the Federal Council from the Five Years Meeting of Friends we have been asked to present this matter to our authoritative body. On a per capita basis our share would be about $1,000 annually. We are now contributing $150 per annum. This is not an assessment and our standing in the Council will not be affected by the amount of our contribution. However, as a constituent body we should consider well what our responsibility is in the matter.

Within the past two years there has been a readjustment

of the internal organization of the Council whereby the Administrative Committee is made up of representatives of each constituent body. This Committee holds monthly meetings in New York City. Within the quinquennial period Friends have been represented first by Errol D. Peckham, then by Charles E. Tebbetts and now by Charles S. Crosman, a member of Brooklyn Meeting.

Submitted on behalf of the representatives of the Five Years Meeting,

WALTER C. WOODWARD. *Chairman.*

88. Charles S. Crosman, representing Friends as a member of the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ told the meeting of the splendid spirit prevailing in that body and expressed the hope that Friends would ever continue their relationship with the Council.

89. The recommendations of the Business Committee on reorganization of Boards, read at the morning session, action upon which was deferred to this session, were approved by general consent. (See page 135).

90. T. Edmund Harvey gave voice to a concern that all Friends engage in christian service, enumerating various ways in which this might be done. The Council for International Service was presented as providing an opening.

J. Passmore Elkinton, of Philadelphia, emphasized spiritual service as an accompaniment of the giving of physical relief.

91. Elbert Russell gave an address on the subject, "Christ in Our Life Today." The Russian, Chinese, and Hindu peoples are to contribute transforming elements to our civilization in the near future. The question of how are we to get Christ into the lives of these peoples is all important. The chief difficulty in this work of carrying Christ to non-Christian nations is that we ourselves

do not take Christ seriously enough. A new faith in Christ is imperative. It is possible to affirm the deity of Jesus and treat His teachings with contempt. We must have teachable spirits and confidence in the truth. Respect for sincerity wherever found and faith in men are essential. John Woolman exemplified this kind of faith. The absence of Christ from our industrial and social systems was affirmed and illustrated.

92. Edward W. Evans, member of the Social Order Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, gave a very thoughtful address on the same general topic. He expressed the conviction that social service is not in itself sufficient. We must have the social gospel. We cannot be content to ignore the sources of poverty while ministering to its results. To create fellowship is the great purpose of Christ.

The reasons for labor difficulties were set forth, as were also the purpose and value of unionism. A form of representative control was declared to be necessary. In dealing with social problems two experiences are essential:—a deeper fellowship with God and a close contact with the class we call labor. Antagonism will disappear when we have better knowledge of each other.

Then adjourned to meet Seventh-day, the ninth, at 9:00 A. M.

## SEVENTH DAY, THE NINTH

### 9:00 A. M.

The Meeting assembled at time adjourned to and settled into a period of worship.

93. The minutes of the previous session were read and, after some changes, approved.

94. The presence of our aged Friend, Luke Woodard, was noted.

95. The Meeting being informed of the serious illness of Mrs. Harding, the following were appointed as a committee to prepare a message of sympathy to be sent to President Harding: Robert E. Pretlow, L. Lyndon Hobbs, and Ellison R. Purdy.

96. The Business Committee produced a letter to be sent to President Harding in regard to the release from prison of all conscientious objectors. The proposed letter was returned to the Committee for revision.

97. The following recommendations of the Business Committee were presented:

(1) That the recommendations from the American Friends Board of Foreign Missions relative to a time of appointment of Board Members (see Minute number 50) be approved by the Meeting.

The Meeting approved.

(2) That the following recommendations of the Executive Committee, (See paragraphs four and five under "Reorganization of the Work for the Next Five-year Period," page 57), be approved, viz:—

We recommend that the Five Years Meeting express appreciation of the work already so excellently done by most of our constituent Yearly Meetings in forming Executive Committees or similar Boards under other names to plan unitedly and to carry out unitedly the work of the Yearly Meeting and the work of the Five Years Meeting within the Yearly Meeting and its subordinate meetings. We would encourage all our constituent Yearly Meetings to form such Executive Committees composed of representatives of the different departments of work, and to make such arrangements as may seem to them wise for carrying this work down to the local meetings.

We recommend that the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting be hereafter constituted as follows: The presiding clerk of the Five Years Meeting, the chairman (or by appointment of the Board, some member other than the chairman) of

each of our regularly established Boards, a representative of the American Friends' Service Committee who is a member of the Five Years Meeting (either the chairman or some other member appointed by the committee), one representative for each Yearly Meeting not represented by the foregoing, and five members at large, to be appointed by the Five Years Meeting.

These recommendations are approved by the Meeting.

(3) That the resolutions referring to the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment read in the Five Years Meeting and submitted to this Committee be approved. (See Minute number 73).

The Meeting approved of this recommendation.

(4) The suggestion that Friends call a general conference against war was considered by this committee. We are of the opinion that way does not open at this time for Friends to issue such a call though we feel that the World Alliance or the Federal Council should be encouraged to undertake such a movement.

This recommendation was approved.

(5) We recommend that delegates to the Five Years Meeting be allowed the cost of meals while in transit, not to exceed $2.00 per day.

This recommendation met with the approval of the Meeting.

97. The Committee appointed to prepare a message of sympathy to be sent to President Harding presented the following which was approved and directed to be signed by the clerk on behalf of the meeting:

President Warren G. Harding,
Washington, D. C.

The Five Years Meeting of Friends has learned with sorrow and deep concern of the serious illness of Mrs. Harding. Our sympathy goes out to you both, and our prayers ascend to our Father for healing, strength and comfort.

98. Alvin T. Coate, Chairman of the Publication Board, presented the following report which was approved. He emphasized the unique place and great

value of *The American Friend* to the Five Years Meeting and urged a larger circulation of the paper.

## THE PUBLICATION BOARD

The Publication Board appends hereto a statement of its present financial condition and a statistical summary of operating results, all covering the period from First Month first, 1918 to Sixth Month thirtieth, 1922 inclusive.

This period has been unusually trying by reason of uncontrollable costs and the difficulties in procuring labor and material. Notwithstanding this no issue has failed to go into the mails upon the appointed day and the appended chart will show that costs are on their way toward normal. By reason of erratic costs the amount of financial assistance has necessarily been higher than heretofore although the ratio has remained about the same.

This continuing deficit ratio could be materially reduced with increased circulation and advertising and the Board recommends that the Meeting grant sufficient permanent support to permit sending the paper into approximately ten thousand homes.

It is convinced after ten years of service that, excepting only the visiting representative, the Five Years Meeting has no other means equally practicable and effective of reaching the individual membership and thus promoting mutual confidence and solidarity.

Throughout the past five years not only the supervisory administration, but the entire business management, has rested upon the Board and has been accomplished without expense to the Five-Years Meeting. This probably cannot continue longer and a business manager now seems necessary; this problem can be approached by the new Board with more light after the general policy of the Five Years Meeting has been expressed.

Respectfully submitted,

ALVIN T. COATE, *Chairman.*
ISAAC T. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*
JOHN H. JOHNSON, *Treasurer.*

## ASSETS

| | |
|---|---|
| Due from Advertising | $551.98 |
| Due from Subscriptions | 243.04 |
| Due from Subscriptions, English Subscribers | 96.39 |
| Cash on deposit at Post Office | 6.01 |
| Cash on deposit Nicholson Printing & Mfg. Co. for Foreign Postage | 5.27 |
| Cash in Dickinson Trust Company | 41.72 |
| | $944.41 |

## LIABILITIES

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|---|---|
| Due Nicholson Printing & Mfg. Co. (May and June bills) | $1,436.96 |
| Due three contributing editors (April, May and June) | 37.50 |
| Due advertising liabilities | 30.60 |
| Due (to subscribers for future issues paid) | 1,684.00 |
| | $2,244.65 |
| Total Liabilities | $3,189.06 |
| Total Assets | 944.41 |
| Deficit | $2,244.65 |

NOTE: Against this deficit there have accumulated office equipment and furniture of a present value in excess of $500.00.

## RECEIPTS

| Year | Subscriptions | Advertising | Miscellaneous | Total Operating Receipts | Unit Receipts | Contributions | Total Receipts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1918 | $12,041.19 | $1,405.96 | $254.94 | $13,701.89 | $2.05 | $ 1,630.63 | $15,332.52 |
| 1919 | 12,563.93 | 1,305.12 | 294.77 | 14,163.82 | 2.75 | 2,638.97 | 16,802.79 |
| 1920 | 8,802.57 | 1,229.86 | 131.34 | 10,163.77 | 2.15 | 5,053.03 | 15,216.80 |
| 1921 | 10,652.84 | 494.33 | 163.37 | 11,310.54 | 2.45 | 4,586.12 | 15,896.66 |
| 1922* | 5,044.46 | 302.39 | 63.89 | 5,410.74 | 2.46 | 2,621.60 | 8,032.34 |
| | $49,104.99 | $4,737.66 | $908.31 | $54,750.76 | $2.42 | $16,530.35 | $71,281.11 |

## COSTS

| Year | Printing | Salaries | Postage | Miscellaneous | Total Cost | Subscriptions | Unit Cost |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1918 | $ 8,598.65 | $ 3,469.00 | $ 866.91 | $ 581.36 | $13,515.92 | 6,700 | $2.02 |
| 1919 | 9,564.30 | 3,677.52 | 1,017.26 | 785.53 | 15,044.61 | 5,148 | 2.92 |
| 1920 | 12,304.22 | 3,919.11 | 915.49 | 765.70 | 17,904.52 | 5,200 | 3.44 |
| 1921 | 12,405.84 | 3,965.76 | 913.12 | 746.47 | 18,031.19 | 4,617 | 3.90 |
| 1922** | 4,426.52 | 2,014.28 | 296.91 | 239.12 | 6,976.83 | 4,405 | 3.17 |
| | $47,299.53 | $17,045.67 | $4,009.69 | $3,118.18 | $71,473.07 | | |

*Indicates six months operation.

**Under this caption are included sums paid by departments for space as direct contributions from Forward Movement, United Budget, Yearly Meeting and private funds.

99. Isaac T. Johnson, secretary of the Publication Board, spoke of the value of good literature, especially for young people and emphasized the importance of strengthening our publication work. Timothy Nicholson deplored the spirit of criticism and made a plea that Friends subscribe for and actively support *The American Friend.*

100. David M. Edwards, Chairman of the Board of Education, presented the following report which was approved. He reviewed the activities of the Board and told of the observance of Educational Week, and efforts made to secure a Student Loan Fund. The Board has extended help to some of our colleges, Pacific in particular. Hindrances in the way of the Board have been lack of funds and local conditions which demand attention to local needs rather than co-operative effort in a broad way. As to the future work of the Board David M. Edwards suggested more attention to secondary education. Friendsville Academy needs help. A definite policy in regard to our Academies should be decided upon.

## THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The accomplishment of the Board of Education during the past five year period is, doubtless, far below the need and merit of the work which has been committed to its care but probably equal to the resources with which it has had to work.

Membership on the Board has remained the same as the appointment five years ago except in two particulars, namely, that of Robert L. Kelly, who has been succeeded by Elwood C. Perisho, and Homer J. Coppock, who has been succeeded by Ora W. Carrell.

The activities of the Board have been limited by the circumstances and by the opportunities which have arisen. The Board has been unable to take up any constructive work on account of limitation of funds and lack of co-operation. This lack of

co-operation has been caused chiefly by the acute local circumstances of the various colleges.

For a considerable portion of the five year period some co-operative advertising has been carried on through the pages of *The American Friend*. This advertising has been of value to the colleges, both directly and indirectly. It has brought to the consciousness of the membership at large the fact that the field of education is one and that the need for educated men and women is vital.

During the Inter-Church World Movement and The Forward Movement, splendid opportunity for co-operation was afforded. Could this same measure of co-operation have been maintained throughout the five year period, a different report than the one necessary today could have been made. Another opportunity for co-operation among the educational units of the Five Years Meeting was found during the war, especially at the time when Student Army Training Corps were to be organized in the colleges. Of course, no one can say what would have been the action of individual colleges had there not been conference among them, but the fact is, this conference did strengthen the purpose and assist the various institutions in taking the right action with reference to this matter. The result was that in no one of our colleges was a Student Army Training Corps established. The position that the colleges took at that time was that being Friends' Colleges, it was not possible for them to establish organizations which were for the purpose of military training and preparing men for war. It was not a decision which they made at this time but merely a recognition of the fundamental position which Friends have always occupied. When the position which the colleges took was presented to the War Department, it was very kindly received and very graciously acknowledged that no other action would have been consistent with the practice of the Society of Friends. While this action brought upon the colleges considerable criticism for a season, later on, on account of the utter failure of the Student Army Training Corps to accomplish the purpose designed, and on account of their disastrous effect upon the institutions where they were organized, Friends' colleges were congratulated that they had not participated in this movement.

For one year the Board of Education put on what was known

as "Educational Week." It was attempted to secure in every local congregation a recognition of education and to establish a program to bring its importance before the minds of the membership. A good degree of success was attained in this movement. While not nearly all congregations responded, yet it is probable that those congregations representing considerably more than a majority of the membership of the church did take an interest in this venture. Opportunity was given in the Sunday Schools to make contribution toward what is known as the "Students' Loan Fund." This fund is in the hands of Richard J. White, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Board of Education. This activity should be resumed and large funds should be accumulated for the purpose of assisting worthy young men and women, in securing the preparation for their life work.

Two colleges have been assisted by the Board of Education, namely Pacific and Nebraska Central. Pacific College was liberated to solicit funds throughout the Five Years Meeting field for the purpose of bringing her endowment to the place where the college would be accredited. The campaign which they instituted was successful and Pacific now has the proper endowment to make her an accredited institution in the state of Oregon. She has also met the state requirements in all other particulars.

A committee consisting of Dr. Stephen M. Hadley, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, Dr. Allen D. Hole, and Clarence E. Pickett, of Richmond, Indiana, was appointed to visit Nebraska Central College and in the light of facts which they ascertained to make a recommendation. This Committee performed its service and recommended to the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting that Nebraska Central College be maintained as a college for the purpose of serving the interests of Nebraska Yearly Meeting, and that it be assigned certain financial aid from the Home Mission Board. The Executive Committee accepted this report and ordered that its recommendations be carried out.

For more than fifteen years the Board of Education has recognized the need of an Executive Secretary to care for the co-operative interest of the institutions of the Five Years Meeting. Means for realizing this, however, have never been avail-

able. During the time of the Inter-Church World Movement and The Forward Movement of the Five Years Meeting succeeding, it seemed possible to realize this desire. For several months Dr. William V. Coffin, of Whittier, California, served the Board of Education as its Executive Secretary. While his work during that time was principally in assisting individual institutions in their financial activities, and while little was done in behalf of the common interests of all the colleges on account of the dire need of these individual colleges, it is believed by all that the undertaking was entirely successful. It is believed by all that the undertaking was entirely successful. It is with much humility that we must report at this time the necessity for discontinuing this activity for lack of funds. The scope of the work of such an officer of the Board of Education is practically unlimited. The need for the co-operative interests of the educational institutions of the Five Years Meeting is undisputed and this work should be resumed as soon as means can be secured.

As a summary of the activities of the Board during the five year period just passed, it must be said with much humility that while the desire for co-operation seems to be adequate, the means for carrying it out have been unavailable. So long as the Board of Education was carried in the co-operative consideration of the Five Years Meeting, work for the common interests of all the institutions was possible, but just as soon as the Board was dropped or dropped to such a low level, all co-operative activities were necessarily discontinued.

Up to the present time the activities of the Board of Education have been almost wholly limited to the field of higher education. This has not been occasioned by any lack of appreciation for secondary or primary education, but has been made necessary by force of circumstances. Just as soon as possible secondary and primary education should be included in the activities of the Board. In fact, the place of education in the Society of Friends should be the scope of the activities of the Board of Education. It is probably not possible for the scope of the Board's activities to be extended at once, but that this should be done as soon as possible is probably agreed to by all.

The place of importance of Christian education is well es-

tablished. That education should be Christian is a truism. That Christian education is training men and women to see life and the world as Christ saw them is well understood. That the world is desperately needy and that its need can be met only by Christian men and women, trained in body, mind and spirit, and under the power of God, is the firm belief of the Church of Christ.

But is the church rallying to the support of those institutions from which men and women with this Christian training must come? One comes away from a study of this question with a feeling that the church is too lethargic in her support of these institutions. May the day speedily come when the schools and colleges which are charged with the responsibility of furnishing the Christian Leadership may be so well supported that they may perform their high and noble mission.

With thankfulness for what has been accomplished and humbly acknowledging the shortcomings and the weaknesses and failures of the past five years, we submit this report with the hope and the prayer that the interests of the Five Years Meeting in the field of Education may be vitalized and made so concrete that action carrying out some of the suggestions herein contained shall no longer be delayed.

For the Board,

DAVID M. EDWARDS, *Chairman.*

101. Elwood C. Perisho made a very stirring educational address, in which he first of all gave a list of what he considered fundamentals in education. He declared it a matter for gratification that so small a body as the Five Years Meeting is supporting eight colleges. A comparison between state institutions and denominational colleges as to number of students and endowments was made. The need for increased endowments in our Friends' Colleges was declared to be imperative. The purpose of our colleges is to serve the Church, and our colleges and Yearly Meetings stand or fall together. Victor Hugo was quoted as saying, "Open a school and you can close a jail." What we want the Five Years

Meeting of the future to believe and think we must put into the eight colleges of the Five Years Meeting.

102. The following notice of change in the delegation from Philadelphia was presented: "The Philadelphia delegation under power given by its Yearly Meeting appoints Agnes L. Tierney to take the place of George M. Warner who is obliged to leave for home this evening. Alfred Garrett takes his place as chairman of the delegation."

103. George M. Warner voiced appreciation for the fellowship of the Five Years Meeting and gave a parting message of love.

104. Charles O. Whitely made a statement for the special committee appointed to have charge of a canvass for funds to cover deficits of the various Boards of the Five Years Meeting. The very great need for relieving the Boards of financial embarrassment and the handicap of debt was brought forcibly to the attention of the meeting. After an impressive season of prayer an offering was taken amounting to approximately $10,000.

105. The following report from the Committee on Organization was read and approved by the meeting:

Your Committee on Organization is united in reporting the following nominations for the positions indicated:

TREASURER

Edwin G. Crawford, Second National Bank, Richmond, Ind.

FINANCE BOARD

Miles White, Jr., 607 Keyser Building, Baltimore, Md.
Atwood L. Jenkins, 8th and Main Sts., Richmond, Ind.
Edwin G. Crawford, Second National Bank, Richmond, Ind.
J. Elwood Cox, High Point, N. C.
Clayton V. Stanley, 303 Masonic Temple, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS AT LARGE ON BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Ellison R. Purdy, 2440 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
Carolena M. Wood, Mt. Kisco, N. Y.

Earle J. Harold, Marion, Indiana.
Harlow Lindley, College Avenue, Richmond, Ind.
Richard R. Newby, University Ave., Wichita, Kansas.
Clarence E. Pickett, College Avenue, Richmond, Ind.
Willard Trueblood, 569 M. D., Woodruff Place, Indianapolis.

MEMBERS AT LARGE ON BOARD OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ancil E. Ratliff, Fairmount, Ind.
W. Rufus Kersey, Oregonia, Ohio.
Lenora N. Hobbs, Bloomingdale, Ind.
Walter F. Dexter, Earlham, Indiana.
Levi T. Pennington, Newberg, Oregon.

PUBLICATION BOARD

Alvin T. Coate, 2451 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind.
John H. Johnson, Richmond, Indiana.
Isaac T. Johnson, Urbana, Ohio.
Ellison R. Purdy, 2440 Stevens Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.
William O. Mendenhall, Friends University, Wichita, Kans.
S. Edgar Nicholson, 532 17th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

PRINTING COMMITTEE

Clara I. Cox, High Point, N. C.
John R. Cary, 838 Park Place, Baltimore, Md.
Harlow Lindley, College Ave., Richmond, Ind.
E. Harrison Scott, 319 Kinsey St., Richmond, Ind.

S. EDGAR NICHOLSON, *Chairman.*
MARGARET T. CAREY, *Secretary.*

106. Most of the Yearly Meeting delegations reported appointments of persons to serve on the various Five Years Meeting Boards.

The Meeting then adjourned to meet Seventh Day, the Ninth, at 7:45 P. M.

## SEVENTH DAY, THE NINTH
## 7:45 P. M.

The Meeting assembled in accordance with adjournment, and settled into a time of worship.

107. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

108. The Clerk reported that he had attended to the matter of sending a message of sympathy to President Harding.

109. The Business Committee presented the following communication to be sent to President Harding which was approved by the meeting:

President Warren G. Harding,

Dear Friend: The Five Years Meeting of the Friends in America in session at Richmond, Indiana, with a membership of over eighty-five thousand, extending from Maine to California, is moved to write to thee on behalf of those persons in our country who are still held in prison because of their views and opinions. We are led to write because in our work for the suffering in Europe, during the war and since the armistice, including those who were considered to be our enemies, we have discovered the remarkable, almost miraculous, power of love and forgiveness, and the extraordinary effect of faith and confidence in men. We hope that in our country, dedicated to freedom and fellowship, everything shall be done that can be done to maintain and preserve the priceless privilege of free speech and free thought.

110. The Business Committee presented the following recommendation:

As many changes have been made in the number, character, names and activities of our Boards, record of which is to be found scattered through the Minutes of the Five Years Meeting, we recommend that the Executive Committee be asked to make a digest of such changes and that there be prepared and published a summary of our existing rules and the decisions of the Five Years Meeting on which they are based.

The Meeting approved the recommendation.

111. W. O. Mendenhall was relieved at his own request from the Publication Board and the Nominating Committee was asked to submit the name of another person to serve on this Board in his place.

112. The following report of the delegation appointed by Indiana Yearly Meeting to attend the Five Years Meeting of 1917 was read. Other delegations were also reported as having maintained their organization.

"In accordance with instructions of the Five Years Meeting, held in 1917, as shown in Minute Number 270, page 211, (1917), the delegation from Indiana Yearly Meeting appointed to attend the Five Years Meeting of 1917 has maintained its organization throughout the five year period, has met each year, has forwarded a communication to the Yearly Meeting each year and has otherwise assisted in co-ordinating the work of the Yearly Meeting with that of the Five Years Meeting."

113. Francis A. Wright expressed his concern as auditor of the Five Years Meeting that there should be some retrenchment on the part of the Boards of the Meeting or else the various Yearly Meetings should undertake to underwrite the several departments of work. He expressed his conviction that the Five Years Meeting should undertake a conservative financial policy based on the willingness of the constituent Yearly Meetings to shoulder their share of responsibility. As a result of this concern each delegation was asked to appoint one person to serve on a committee to enter into a careful examination of the financial condition of the various Boards of the Five Years Meeting, study expenditures, make a partial report of their findings to the Meeting before final adjournment and a final statement to the Executive Committee. During a short recess the delegates reported the following to serve as the committee indicated:

Canada—Albert S. Rogers; New England—Wilbur K. Thomas; New York—John I. Lane; Baltimore—John R. Cary; North Carolina—Jos. D. Cox; Wilmington—E. Everett Terrell; Indiana—Aaron Napier; Western—Thomas E. Beals; Iowa—Howard W. Cope; Kansas—Francis A. Wright; Nebraska—Charles N. Replogle; Cal-

ifornia—Allen U. Tomlinson; Oregon—Levi T. Pennington.

114. John Henry Barlow informed the Meeting that a letter just received from England tells of the death of Edward Backhouse, who served as secretary of the All Friends' Conference. The Meeting entered into a feeling of sympathy with English Friends because of their loss.

115. Henry T. Gillett of London gave the Meeting information as to Part I of the Book of Discipline of London Yearly Meeting, dealing with Christian life, faith and thought. The hope was expressed that the book might have a wide circulation among American Friends. Appreciation was expressed at the announcement that the English delegation would present a copy of the book to each delegate to the Meeting.

116. Kenyon L. Butterfield gave an illuminating address on "The Country Church." The country church, he declared, ought to be the leading institution of the countryside but as a matter of fact it is not. As a whole the country church has lacked a sufficiently strong appeal with respect to the task it should perform. The goal of a country church is just as broad as the human needs of the people, and its great objective should be to furnish effective ideals for both personal and social life. There are certain differences in the fundamental purpose and work of country and city churches. The methods and type of appeal differ. There is a difference of environment, a difference in psychology, a difference in problems.

Every country church should be a community church as far as possible. The country church should have a community program and community ideals. Denominational rivalry should be rooted out. The country church

should have an especially trained ministry and there should be some scheme of financial support that draws largely from the members themselves. Every country church should be a contributor to agricultural missions. Agriculture is a fundamental phase of missionary work and a definite service for country churches might be to assist in this form of work. This problem of the country church is a world problem because a very large per cent of the world's population live in rural sections. The country people should come into their own industrially, socially and religiously.

Then adjourned until nine o'clock Second day morning, the eleventh.

## SECOND DAY, THE ELEVENTH

### 9:00 A. M.

The Meeting convened according to adjournment, and a season of devotion was observed.

116. The minutes of previous session were read and approved.

The following communication from the Board of Home Missions relative to the necessity for keeping in touch with non-resident members was read and approved:

*To the Five Years Meeting:*

At the conference on Thursday of workers in our city meetings, a concern was expressed that the Five Years Meeting open the way for more effective co-operation between all our meetings in following up Friends who move from one community to another. Toward this end the Board of Home Missions offers the following suggestion:

We recommend that the Five Years Meeting encourage its constituent Yearly Meetings to give more definite consideration to the care of members moving from their home meetings to other communities, especially to large cities in which Friends'

Meetings are located. We suggest that the manner of transferring this concern to Quarterly and Monthly Meetings be left to the judgment of the several Yearly Meetings.

However, we suggest in addition since this matter concerns all our Yearly Meetings, that a direct communication be sent from the Central Offices to each local Meeting, asking that the full name or names and *exact* address of Friends moving to another community be sent immediately to the Clerk or Pastor of the Meeting in the community to which removal is made. We suggest also that with this letter from the Central Office there should be sent for the use of each local meeting a small package of *blank forms,* on which names, *street and number* of new address, or new post office can be easily filled in. These blanks should include directions stating that if the name of neither clerk nor pastor in the new meeting is known, the blank should be sent to the Central Office in Richmond which will forward it to the right person. A footnote should state also that the furnishing of this information does *not* involve transfer of membership at that time, and urge that the information be sent even in advance of the removal if possible so that Friends in the new community may be able to welcome the newcomers upon first arrival or within the first two weeks in their new home.

We ask that the Five Years Meeting take such action as will ensure attention to this matter by our Yearly Meetings.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS,
ELLISON R. PURDY, *Chairman.*

117. Neal Newlin, representing a group of Young Friends in colleges and secondary schools, gave the meeting information of a newly formed Fellowship of Friends' Students, and told of its program. The policy and aims of this student movement, to be carried out in co-operation with the Executive Committee, were approved by the Meeting.

118. The Business Committee presented the following recommendations:

(1) We would remind the Yearly Meetings of their agreement to pay to the Treasurer before January 1st each year their

pro rata share of the assessment for the administration expenses of the Five Years Meeting and its Boards and would urge those Meetings which find it difficult to fully carry out their agreement to make definite arrangements whereby at least one half of their assessment will be paid by January first and the balance as soon thereafter as practicable but not later than July first.

The recommendation was approved.

(2) We recommend that the cost of administration of the respective Boards as heretofore defined shall not include the travelling expenses of more than one member of the Board of Foreign Missions from any Yearly Meeting attending the annual meeting of the Board, nor the other expenses of more than two meetings a year of the Executive Committee of any of the Boards.

It should be added that in case where the attendance of the members of a Board seems necessary for the efficiency of the work, the Boards may, as heretofore has been the practice, cover the travelling expenses of the members out of its own funds.

The recommendation was approved.

(3) We recommend that each year any unused part of the Emergency and Contingent Fund of the United Budget be put aside for the creation of a cash working capital.

The Meeting approved of this recommendation.

(4) We recommend that in the future sessions of the Five Years Meeting the nominations of members for all Boards be reported not later than Thursday evening.

The recommendation was approved.

(5) The Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting is requested to send to each delegate in advance of the opening of the Five Years Meeting a list of the Boards to be appointed, the plan of their organization and other duties of the delegates during the sessions.

The recommendation was approved.

119. Charles O. Whitely, Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, in introducing the general topic for the session, emphasized the need for strengthening the home base if we would carry on

Service Work and Foreign Missionary endeavor. A sane method of Evangelism should be encouraged in all our meetings.

120. Frank W. Dell, of California, gave a clear and comprehensive address on "Evangelism and Twentieth Century Quakerism." "Apart from evangelism," he said, "Quakerism cannot exist." Whenever the Church ceases to promote evangelism, she ceases to fulfill her mission. The way must be cleared as we approach a program of evangelism. First, we must get rid of controversies with science. It is not the business of the church to discuss theories of evolution pro and con. Second, we must make it not so difficult to become a member of the Friends' church. Perhaps too often we have followed the methods of colonization rather than evangelism. New blood should be infused. Third, we must get rid of limited conceptions of evangelism. Personal salvation with social implications is necessary. Evangelism, properly conceived, embraces the whole work of the church and should be the normal activity of the church. The resources of of the church may be stated as life, prayer, and finance. Evangelism requires the investment of all of these resources, and is, in a word, the making of God real to men. The methods of evangelism are three-fold: preaching, teaching, and social. Special evangelistic meetings should be the outcome of a normal evangelistic spirit prevailing in the church the whole year.

121. A general discussion followed the address in which a number took part. Tilman Hobson emphasized the very great responsibility for personal evangelism. Willard O. Trueblood told of his experience in evangelistic work in High Schools. Herbert L. Huffman spoke further of evangelism in schools and gave instances com-

ing under his personal observation of the good results of such efforts. Charles Replogle urged that wherever Friends settle in new communities they should take with them a moral and spiritual atmosphere and carry on the work of evangelism without depending upon a minister. William J. Reagan spoke on the importance of finding a point of contact with boys and girls and the obligations resting upon parents. Tom A. Sykes, of New England, expressed a concern that Friends not belonging to the Five Years Meeting seek to have a sympathetic attitude toward the evangelistic methods of Friends in the Five Years Meeting, and that we together reach a common basis of understanding. William J. Sayers illustrated evangelism by successful methods in salesmanship. Harry Keates expressed his concern that our evangelism should be thoroughly God-endued. Edmund Stanley mentioned the need for using the material brought into the church as a result of evangelism. Avenues of activity should be opened for new members. Helen Johnson, reporter on *The Richmond Item,* spoke of the problems confronting High School boys and girls and the very great need for their spiritual and moral training. Agnes L. Tierney, of Philadelphia, said that Philadelphia Friends entered into the concern of the Meeting, sharing its problems and joys. The influence of daily life is an imperative feature of evangelism. Herman Newman expressed the thought that we should evangelize upon an educational basis. Edgar H. Stranahan emphasized the value of using any and all methods whereby people may be won, and stressed the value of evangelism in the Bible School.

122. M. Catharine Albright, of London, spoke of the need for a completeness in salvation, and said that a man is saved in so far as he is not wasted. Every faculty we

have should be saved and utilized for Christ. Henrietta Bulla, of Dublin Yearly Meeting, repeated the text, "One is your Master, also Christ, and all ye are brethren." Edith Lamb of Dublin Yearly Meeting expressed her great joy at being in attendance upon the Meeting and referred to her definite call to engage in spiritual service in Japan. She gave instances of her experiences in influencing people to accept Christ. We should witness for Christ by means of life and radiant face.

123. John R. Cary summed up the discussion by calling attention to that which is fundamental in evangelism. "There must be a Pentecost, and Pentecost comes where love reigns. *What* we believe separates us, *whom* we believe, unites us. The power of love is irresistible and will save the world. We need to get to the time when the world will say, as of old, 'See how these disciples love each other.' Let men see what God can do with us in uniting us and then you will make God real to men. The keynote of this Five Years Meeting should be love, love of the brethren, and love as the power to win men to Christ."

124. The following report of the Committee on Organization was read and approved, and the persons named duly appointed:

*To the Five Years Meeting:*

Your Committee on Organization is united in reporting the following nominations for the positions indicated:

PUBLICATION BOARD

I. W. Cook, Oskaloosa, Iowa, in place of W. O. Mendenhall, resigned.

MEMBERS AT LARGE OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Stephen M. Hadley, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
Laurenna Farquhar, Wilmington, Ohio.
W. S. Hadley, Citizens State Bank, Wichita, Kansas.

Ella M. Barrett, 4250 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, Ind.
Wilbur K. Thomas, 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, BOARD OF YOUNG FRIENDS' ACTIVITIES

Chester L. Reagan, Spiceland, Ind.
Sumner Mills, R. R. O, Box 225, Indianapolis, Ind.
Helen E. Hawkins, New Vienna, Ohio.
Ruth Hoskins, 4715 N. Wash. Blvd., Indianapolis, Ind.
Guy W. Solt, Central City, Nebraska.

AMERICAN FRIENDS' SERVICE COMMITTEE

Rufus M. Jones, Haverford, Pa.
Wilbur K. Thomas, 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
L. Hollingsworth Wood, 20 Nassau St., New York City.
John R. Cary, Morris Building, Baltimore, Md.
Mary M. Petty, Greensboro, N. C.
Allen D. Hole, Richmond, Indiana.
Vincent D. Nicholson, 918 Stephen Girard Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.
Robert E. Pretlow, 2315 E. Spruce St., Seattle, Wash.
Gurney Terrell, New Vienna, Ohio.
Sumner Mills, R. R. O, Indianapolis, Ind.
G. G. Bowen, Searsboro, Iowa.
Harold W. Myers, Central City, Nebraska.
George C. Wise, 2836 Indiana Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
L. Clarkson Hinshaw, Newberg, Oregon.
John W. Dorland, Pasadena, Calif.
Albert S. Rogers, Room 408, 56 Church St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

On behalf of the Committee,

S. EDGAR NICHOLSON, *Chairman.*
MARGARET T. CAREY, *Secretary.*

Under a precious sense of the presence and unifying power of the Holy Spirit, the Meeting adjourned until 2:30 P. M.

## SECOND DAY, THE ELEVENTH

### 2:30 P. M.

The Meeting convened at the time adjourned to, and settled into a season of worship.

125. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

126. The absence of Henry Edwin McGrew, owing to illness, was noted, and the Clerk was authorized to send him a message of sympathy on behalf of the Meeting.

127. The Clerk voiced his very great desire that the entire indebtedness of the various Boards be covered, and suggested that the responsibility for removing this incubus be taken by the delegates to their respective Yearly Meetings. The Meeting united with the concern of the Clerk and the Executive Committee was requested to have in hand details of working out this matter.

128. Ellison R. Purdy, chairman of the Home Mission Board, introduced the following Home Mission workers, who were seated on the platform:

Evangelist, H. Elmer Pemberton

Extension worker in Colorado (jointly with Nebraska) Charles N. Replogle.

Extension workers in Tennessee Mountains (jointly with Wilmington Yearly Meeting) Edward and Daisy Ransome.

Among the Indians, Lawrence and Amelia R. Lindley.

Southland, Anna B. Wolford, Matron; John W. Moses, former Director of Agriculture; F. Raymond Jenkins, Principal Elect; Cecilia Jenkins; Mabel Martin, Domestic Science; Nellie Vore, Music and Business; Irene Utter, Home Service Volunteer.

129. In presenting the folowing report of the Home

Mission Board, which was approved, Ellison R. Purdy stated that the Board is five years of age. The spirit of expansion and aggression are essential in Home Mission Work. The plan has been to revive old meetings as well as to go out into new fields. There has been a close relationship and blending of the three departments—Evangelism and Extension, Social Service, and Work for the Negroes. There is a close connection between the Board and the Associated Committee on Indian Affairs.

Two outstanding needs are before us: (1) To present a challenge to our young people, a challenge to enter various phases of Home Mission work.

(2) We need to bring a message on Christian Stewardship to all of our meetings. When we consider how much we have received of spiritual and material blessing, how small our gifts appear.

### THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Five years ago, with the desire of reducing the number of Boards and committees, Friends directed the merging of three Boards—the Evangelistic and Church Extension Board, the Board on Welfare of the Negro and the Social Service Board, into one new Board of Home Missions.

This new Board found a wealth of advice awaiting it regarding work to be done. At least ten distinct lines of effort were suggested or recommended before the close of the Five Years Meeting of 1917, by the Committee of Seven, by former Boards, or by the Five Years Meeting Program of Religious Activities. The Board was urged:

(1) To be definite; to develop a recognized policy and to select certain fields for concerted action by the Five Years Meeting.

(2) To help discover more workers and increase support for Christian extension, by home missionary education, by calls to personal dedication of life and by emphasis on the gift of preaching as of outstanding importance.

(3) To help Christianize America and conserve our mem-

bership; by studying the problems of Friends Meetings in large cities, by establishing new meetings, by giving special attention and aid to rural meetings, by aiding constructive evangelism, by helping more meetings to become centers of social service, and by continued effort for Negro Welfare and right adjustment of race relations.

(4) To bring about better co-ordination of all Home Mission activities among Friends including work with Indians, Negroes, and foreigners.

For the first fifteen months, the Board had no employed secretary of its own to direct activities, and an income of less than $2,000. In 1919 about $3,000 was received, and a part-time executive secretary was secured. During these two and a half years, beginnings were made along several of the lines mentioned above. The frontier sections of Nebraska Yearly Meeting and of Indiana Yearly Meeting in the State of Washington, were considered and accepted as fields for concerted home mission effort; a proposal from Indiana Yearly Meeting to transfer ownership and administration of Southland to the Board of Home Missions was accepted; and co-operation with the Associated Committee on Indian Affairs was begun. These and other growing activities under the Board's direction were very largely increased by the Forward Movement of 1920. In April of that year, midway in our term of office as a Board, a full-time executive secretary was employed and an expanded program of effort outlined which has proved big enough to engage our greatest efforts and is still beyond us as a goal to be achieved. Although somewhat modified since 1920 and changing slightly from year to year as our vision clears and grows, this program still embodies the essential features placed in it two and a half years ago, and also we believe, most of the concerns inherited from the Five Years Meeting of 1917. It has not been definitely set down, nor officially agreed upon in any conclusive way. It is rather a flexible, developing plan of action by which it is hoped Friends may be able to supply certain recognized spiritual needs in home fields.

### Program

Our program at present is seven-fold, including:

1. Direction of united Christian extension work by the Five

Years Meeting in certain selected home fields, in co-operation with Yearly Meetings.

2. Co-operation with Committee on Indian Affairs in work among Indians in Oklahoma.
3. Work among Negroes and for better race relations, especially through Southland Institute.
4. Co-operation with Yearly and local meetings, especially in rural centers, in study and demonstration of the spiritual value of Christian community social service.
5. Constructive Evangelism.
6. Missionary Education, to give a fresh vision and appreciation of our task in home fields and to increase the funds for doing it.
7. Presenting the call to life service in home fields, with emphasis on the call to preach.

It is becoming more and more evident that the second item in this program is merely one phase of the first and inseparable from it. Work among the Indians is merging rapidly into Christian extension work within the limits of Kansas Yearly Meeting. The third item links closely with No. 4 as relating to an exceedingly important, nation-wide field for social service; and constructive evangelism is vital to all these four lines of effort.

### Some Things Done

There are so many splendid things waiting to be done that there is little time to count what has been done, yet it is wise to reconnoiter occasionally, lest we go astray. Since five years ago then, the following steps have been taken towards goals set at that time.

*Fields.* In the process of selecting certain fields for concerted home mission effort by the Five Years Meeting, the following have been chosen; frontier sections of Nebraska Yearly Meeting, especially in Colorado; the State of Washington; the southeast sections of Monroe County, Tennessee, surrounding Friends Meetings in the Great Smoky Mountains; large metropolitan cities; five missions among the Oklahoma Indians; and Southland Institute for American Negroes.

*Policy.* In 1919, the Board adopted the policy of employing an executive secretary; was incorporated, November 29, 1919;

opened an office, outlined a program and adopted a budget in 1920. As general policy, the Board has agreed that all evangelistic or church extension work in which it may engage, shall be carried on always in co-operation with some existing Yearly Meeting. It is a policy of the Board also that whenever help is given to a Meeting, it shall be towards providing leadership able to help the Meeting help itself, rather than an unrestricted cash contribution to meet temporary needs. In accepting administration of Southland Institute, the Board committed itself to a policy of extending the work of that School especially along industrial and agricultural lines. We stand committed also to a policy of close co-operation with the Associated Committee on Indian Affairs in fulfilling obligatons to the Indians of Oklahoma undertaken unitedly by Friends more than a half century ago.

*Home Missionary Education.* A great deal has been done along this line through correspondence since our office was opened in 1920. In addition to this personal method, approximately one hundred articles giving information regarding home fields have been prepared and printed in *The American Friend* or *Friends Missionary Advocate;* several having been reprinted and distributed in tract form. The Home Field News, a free mimeographed bulletin averaging five pages, has been issued irregularly on a monthly basis, its mailing list now numbering about 300; two printed annual reports have been published; three missionary dialogues have been written; posters, maps, stereopticon slides and notes for three lectures on home fields have been prepared and loaned to a number of Meetings; one simultaneous promotional campaign for Friends home mission work was carried out in November 1921, in which about one hundred meetings joined and for which four special programs were issued; special reports have been sent to Yearly Meeting sessions during the past two years, speakers supplied, and in three Yearly Meetings arrangements have been made whereby an entire evening session is given each year to consideration of the united Home Mission work of the Five Years Meeting. At least seven other Yearly Meetings consider our united home fields at some regular session. We have co-operated with the Board of Foreign Missions in the preparation of a textbook on Friends mission fields,

both home and foreign, which is nearly ready for publication, if funds permit.

*Discovering Workers.* Some representative of the Board each year has visited our Friends colleges, not always however, reaching those on the Pacific Coast, and has carried to our young people the call to Christian service in home fields. For the past three years, secondary schools have been visited also, and for two years we have joined with other Boards in sending a representative to the student Y. M. C. A. Conference at Lake Geneva. In this way one entire generation of college students has heard year by year the call of the home fields as well as those beyond seas. We believe this is bearing fruit in the dedication of life. More young people are considering Christian life service, and yet the supply is far from meeting the need. Approximately five times as many Meetings are asking for pastors as there are young people preparing for pastoral service. In May, 1921, our Chairman wrote a letter to each of seventeen young Friends found during visits to the colleges that year to be considering service in the ministry. His letter told them something of the great need for such service today, encouraged them to follow the call if it came to them, and assured them of our interest and prayers.

## Conserving and Extending

*In Large Cities.* There has been a decided movement of the last generation of Friends from rural communities into the towns and cities. This fact greatly increases the need for more city meetings, especially as Friends' principles and manner of worship appeal strongly to many city people. New opportunities which have come in the past five years to influence the world's thought and life, and the added numbers who have been attracted to our interpretation of Christianity have made increasingly important the maintenance of strong Friends' meetings in our large cities which have become in truth cross-roads of the world. Moreover each of our large city meetings includes in its congregation representatives of practically all American Yearly Meetings, which seems to make still more clear our common responsibility as a denomination for co-operation with them when necessary for the strengthening of their testimony and influence.

During the past five years the Board has helped to make possible the establishment of a new Meeting in Detroit, which was entirely without a Friends Meeting before. Of the present membership of this Meeting (104) only seven were members of other churches in Detroit previous to its establishment. This group is making splendid progress towards self-support. Since October 1919, substantial aid has been given also to the meeting in Chicago, which has doubled its average attendance, re-organized two suburban group meetings, started two new groups in other parts of the city, and developed a marked influence for international goodwill in the city at large. Chicago Friends were able this year to invite a reduction of the appropriation made to their Meeting. In May of this year aid was promised to the meeting at Washington, D. C., which, because of its location at our national capital, has unique opportunities for representing us as a denomination.

Investigations made under supervision of our Board in other cities have revealed large groups of Friends in a number of places where no meetings exist. Further efforts towards the establishment and strengthening of city meetings have been made by individual Yearly Meetings.

*Rural Meetings.* No general survey of rural Friends Meetnigs such as was suggested in 1917 has been made. A number of local surveys have been made by Yearly Meetings, and in connection with the Forward Movement in 1920 a systematic and careful survey of our Indian Mission Meetings in Oklahoma was made. Two conferences were held, in May and September 1920, with Evangelistic superintendents or other Yearly Meeting representatives, at the second of which every Yearly Meeting was represented. Conditions in each Yearly Meeting were carefully reviewed and our entire field as a Five Years Meeting presented at one time, as never before. As a part of the Forward Movement, new meetings, Bible Schools, or some other form of Christian work was undertaken, in co-operation with Yearly Meetings at twenty new points, including: a school house meeting in the New Hampshire hills near East Parsonfield, Maine; Reeves Town, Center Valley and Mountain View in Virginia; County Line Mission, North Carolina; Commerce Meeting in Iowa re-opened after being closed for some years; Mt. Carmel, Lamport, Richards, San Arroya and Green

Knoll congregations, High Point, No. Twenty-One and five other outposts in Colorado; Union Valley and an unnamed outpoint in Nebraska. Aid was given also from home mission funds to at least thirty-five more Meetings, practically all rural and many of them in school-houses. Five of the new school-house Meetings were started by Kansas Yearly Meeting in Baca County, southeastern Colorado; six more new meetings were opened in central and northern Colorado by Nebraska Yearly Meeting, and the entire lower part of Grand Valley, in Northwestern Colorado, was urged by Nebraska Yearly Meeting as primarily a field where the Five Years Meeting, through its Home Mission Board should assume general control. This whole valley is fine territory for church extension, but Nebraska Yearly Meeting feels it is too far away to be developed adequately by its workers or to co-operate successfully with Friends at Central City. It is irrigated country and much of it fine grain land. In October 1921, the Board agreed to co-operate with Nebraska in securing Charles N. Replogle as Superintendent for that Yearly Meeting with the understanding that he would give a definite part of his time each year to extension work in the Colorado field, our Board assuming responsibility for one fourth of his salary. He entered upon his work in March 1922.

The Board is convinced that increasing opportunities are open to Friends right now to help Christianize large sections of the State of Washington, especially in the Wenatchee Valley and in the northern Puget Sound region. This also is largely irrigated and newly settled country, with a promising future before it. Indiana Yearly Meeting has requested our direct co-operation with Washington Friends and an appropriation has been made to that field this year.

The work in the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee, in which the Board is co-operating with Wilmington Yearly Meeting is also rural, and aid has been given through other Yearly Meetings to a number of rural Meetings which have seen new visions of service, and shown marked evidence of new life.

There is still cause however for grave concern for and careful study of our rural meetings. A number of meetings have been closed during this five year period, many as a result of shortage of funds and lack of leadership during the past year, and there is apparently a widespread ignorance of or indifference

to spiritual values in many communities where Friends meetings are now struggling for existence and which are served by no other church.

### Constructive Evangelism

Through the entire five year period the Board has felt a growing concern for aiding constructive evangelism in our own meetings and in communities to which they minister. Everywhere people are seeking for a Christianity deep enough, real enough to keep growing the year round, bigger, more fruitful, more sure as the seasons pass. Men are losing faith in those professions which, springing up quickly under impulse of a sudden inspiration, wilt and droop each year until the next revival season rolls round. The world is demanding perennial Christians, instead of annuals. Among Friends this condition has been reflected by the large number of "renewals" among church members reported each year after special series of meetings and by glaring discrepancies between numbers of conversions reported and the growth of the church. Our Yearly Meetings are trying in various ways to strengthen and deepen their evangelism that it may build upon better prepared foundations and produce more lasting results. They are emphasizing year-round pastoral evangelism, evangelism through the Bible School, through the preparation class for associate members, and other established agencies of each congregation, not omitting, however, the seasons of special meetings and special effort often so helpful in bringing to fruition seed sown in other ways. Evangelists who can best co-operate with the permanent evangelistic agencies of the church are more and more sought.

Hoping to be of service to Friends along this line, our Board planned in the spring of 1921 to engage three consecutive evangelists for an entire year, guarantee to each an adequate salary and expenses and offer their services to the Yearly Meetings with the understanding that so far as possible each Yearly Meeting would provide both salary and expenses during the time spent within its limits. The guarantee of our Board was to help make possible visits of these evangelists to meetings needing help but obviously unable to pay their full share of the cost. One evangelist was engaged in accordance with this plan, H. Elmer Pemberton, of Oregon Yearly Meeting, who spent eight months of the year in New England Yearly Meeting, dividing the remainder

between Iowa and New York. Funds did not permit us to secure the other two evangelists and New England Yearly Meeting so splendidly made good her share of the guarantee that the Board was relieved in that way of two thirds of its pledge for support of this work. Immeasurable good can be done if Friends wish to contribute a budget large enough to make possible guarantees to a growing group of evangelistic workers.

Definite plans were made in 1921 also for a conference of all Yearly Meetings on Evangelism, to be held at Oskaloosa, Iowa, in July, 1922. Dates were set, the program partly arranged, and active interest manifested from various parts of the country, when it became necessary to cancel all plans for lack of funds. As an effort to provide some small substitute for such a Conference, the Board requested one morning of the sessions of Five Years Meeting 1922, for an address and open discussion on this vital subject. This was granted for September 11th.

At least four entire sessions of the semi-annual meetings of our Executive Committee have been given entirely to consideration of evangelism. For two years, financial aid was given through our Board which helped make possible a "Short Course" for pastors in Nebraska Yearly Meeting, and a special committee of the Board made some study of the possibility of co-operative short courses for Christian workers in at least three sections of the country in each of which several Yearly Meetings might unite.

During the late world war reports of competent examiners of the British and American armies stated that 80 per cent of our American soldiers had no clear concept or understanding of the mission or message of Jesus Christ. If that is true, dare we call America Christian? Friends of the Five Years Meeting are not willing longer to trust entirely to past methods of evangelism which have failed to prevent such paganism at home, but are determining to find ways which will succeed *now* in lifting up before the present generation Him who promised to draw all men. We dare not persist in the ways we already know because they are easier, but are resolving to give ourselves wholeheartedly to years of patient study, if need be, to wise counsel, to earnest searching out of what is in the minds and hearts of men, that we may be more used of God for bringing men to Christ and helping them become *like* Christ. The opportunity to

demonstrate an evangelism which will do this, is one of the biggest before Friends today.

## Social Service

Five years ago the dissolving Social Service Board gave us a splendid goal to work towards. It called "the whole meeting" to work for its whole community and talked about a "practical radiating religion" at the center of each group. We have tried to tell all meetings what some meetings have done in the "radiating" line. Stories of whole communities stirred and Christianized in their social relations by one small meeting which tried to "radiate" have been passed on through *The American Friend,* special bulletins, and two of them on stereopticon slides. Some meetings have been helped to secure resident leadership which could direct and develop their community service. Especially in the work of J. Edward and Daisy Ransome in the mountain communities of Tennessee has Christian social service been demonstrated with transforming results. Entire neighborhoods there are responding to a Christianity which has really cared enough to concern itself with their daily lives; making their children happier and healthier, saving their young people, lessening hopeless drudgery and hardship by instruction in better farming methods, lengthening the school term, opening new Bible Schools, bringing in evangelists and offering honest Christian friendship.

Through Southland Institute, some social service has been extended to its surrounding Negro community, including instruction in farming, stock raising and home making through a bi-monthly neighborhood club, community gatherings at the school, and evening "Opportunity School" for illiterate adult Negroes.

In connection with visits of its representatives to the colleges and personal conferences with college students the Board has been impressed by repeated appeals in practically all sections of the country for help in Christianizing social and recreational life of young people. Students in practically every school have asked advice in regard to meeting the dancing craze in their home communities, stating in almost every case that no other social life was provided which really attracted young people.

### Negro Welfare and Race Relations

The transfer in 1919-20 of ownership and administration of Southland Institute from Indiana Yearly Meeting to the Board of Home Missions has made that school a definite point of contact for the Five Years Meeting with Negro Americans and the problems of race relations. Our responsibility for making it serve the Negro race and the Kingdom of God is direct and inescapable so long as we accept its ownership. Southland came to us with a splendid past of service behind it, and beloved by its community, but pitifully equipped to meet educational standards of today, even in the South. Our first step was to arrange for a survey of the school by experts of national reputation. This was made in January 1921 and since then our efforts have been directed to carrying out its recommendations. The chief steps taken have been: (1) Strengthening the agricultural department by building an adequate barn and employing a trained Director of Agriculture. (2) Appointment of a Principal for the educational departments of the school who has made special preparation for his task at Peabody and Hampton Institutes in addition to a full college course. He will give definite attention at once to providing better training for prospective teachers.

By means of special gifts, one prize hog, five first-class Jersey cows, a cream separator, new plow, cultivator and hay rake have been added to the equipment of the Southland farm. A herd of fifteen Jersey or Guernsey heifers with one good bull is promised for this autumn by one Indiana Quarterly Meeting. These splendid gifts and some additional equipment including chickens, incubators and more hogs have prepared the farm to contribute much more from now on to support of the school than it has in the past, and the better opportunities for instruction in modern scientific farming are drawing an increasing number of students. Similar progress in other lines of industrial training is planned, to be undertaken as soon as funds permit.

The Board has made definite plans also for a series of evangelistic meetings at Southland next November, for both students and community.

Several nation-wide organizations for Negro welfare have expressed interest in Southland during the past two years and

have commented especially upon its almost unique opportunities for aiding rural Negroes because of its location in the open country. It has also thrilling opportunities to strike at the very roots of race prejudice in one of the blackest black belts of the South. Its influence may be limited or may be extended through its graduates from coast to coast, as Friends shall choose to insure its development.

Other work for Negroes has been continued at High Point, North Carolina, under direction of New York Yearly Meeting, and in a few other places by local groups of Friends.

*Co-operating for Efficiency.* Towards better co-ordination of Friends' work with Indians, Negroes and Foreigners, the transfer of administration and widening of support for Southland Institute was one step. Other efforts in this direction have included letters from our Board to the various Yearly Meetings and their home mission agencies in 1918 and 1922, inviting close co-operation in home mission fields. At least three Yearly Meetings have reorganized their home mission Committees that they may link more effectively with our Board, and direct co-operation has been established in two more.

A close relationship has been entered into also between our Board and the Associated Executive Committee on Indian Affairs. Walter Smedley, chairman of the Committee on Indian Affairs has been appointed a fraternal member of our Board, and in response to our joint request, several Yearly Meetings have appointed as their representatives on the Indian Committee persons already members of the Home Mission Board. This makes the two organizations in part identical and both have been served by the same Executive and the same office. This report also, is offered pointly by our two organizations, the section following on Indian Missions being included on behalf of the Associated Committee on Indian Affairs. We are unanimous in believing, however, that the Committee on Indian Affairs should retain its separate identity and responsibility for administration of our Indian Missions. Our Board has endeavored to do its share by spreading information and increasing support for the work.

## Our Indian Missions

Almost the entire five year period just past has been marked by renewed activities in our mission work among the Indians. In 1918 and 1919 the Philadelphia Officers of the Committee on Indian Affairs, who had been bearing the burden of this work for years, made special efforts to enlarge the circle of those who felt responsibility for its administration and to lay before all our Yearly Meetings the urgent needs of our Indian Missions. In 1920, '21 and '22 the annual meetings of the Committee on Indian Affairs were held in Richmond, Indiana, instead of Philadelphia, an increasing number of Yearly Meetings being represented in their sessions, and one session each year being held jointly with the Home Mission Board. In the spring of 1920, the Committee co-operated with the Interchurch World Movement in making a careful survey of all our missions in Oklahoma, and conditions revealed in that survey have largely determined the subsequent policies of the Committee. The survey and investigations following showed many conditions which were by no means a credit to Friends. Although memories of past friendly relations and of large active Indian congregations still slung about our Missions and kept most of the tribes loyal to the name of "Friends," more recent neglect and inadequate support on our part had very poorly followed up the splendid work of a generation or more ago. In some places even the honesty and fair dealing of Friends was seriously questioned. Careful study showed also that while the Indians were being assimilated outwardly into modern life, whole tribes, and several of them those supposedly under our care, were being steadily starved spiritually by a white population which cared only for their money or lands. We have discovered shocking immorality, dense spiritual darkness and heart-breaking pagan practices among hundreds of Indians living today all about our missions in Oklahoma and these have roused us to greater effort. We have caught a fresh vision of what may be done and what we as Friends are expected to do for these remnants of tribes. We are facing changed conditions and adjusting our methods of work to meet new needs. Within the past two and one-half years vacancies in five of our six active missions have been filled, closed doors have been opened, and our present group of eleven missionaries, including five young Friends, have

welded themselves into a splendid co-operating staff of workers who are making substantial progress with a definite, constructive program under the leadership of Lawrence E. and Amelia R. Lindley. They have faced facts, conquered difficulties, overcome prejudices, saved souls, and are winning some young people to the church. They are also starting three of our missions on the road to self-support.

The greatest service which we as Friends can render the American Indians today, and the service which they may justly claim of us is help through the period of assimilation, that they may keep as much as possible of the good which is native to their race, may escape the white man's vices, and as they lose faith in their old religion that they may find our God and eternal life. In some places, we are discovering that we can help them best by ministering to the religious needs of an entire community, both Indian and white, encouraging and helping the Indian to worship with the white man; in other places they are not yet able to do this and need separate opportunities for worship if they are to worship at all. All our workers are agreed that the spiritual needs of the Indians are desperate. Workers experienced in other mission fields have stated that Christian work among the Oklahoma Indians is more difficult and discouraging than with almost any other group or race for this very reason, because they have become hardened, suspicious, and have lost faith in any religion through long contact with unscrupulous, exploiting white men.

At the annual meeting of our Committee on Indian Affairs in May this year (1922), it was decided that our Shawnee Mission must be closed unless the Shawnee Government School should re-open in September, which is not expected. Lawrence and Amelia Lindley will remain as superintendents, locating at some other point. Partial self-support is to be developed as rapidly as possible in the Big Jim, Kickapoo, and Wyandotte Missions and special effort this year concentrated upon the Otoes and Osages whose needs are acute. This does not mean that Big Jim, Kickapoo, or Shawnee Indians no longer need us, but only that their need is less desperate than that of the Otoes and Osages.

Much prayer is needed, tactful and wise guidance and constant effort, that we may not write a pitiful or dishonorable

end into the long history of Friends' relations with the American Indians. There is yet time to escape such a disgrace, but it is growing short, and support for the work increases only slowly.

### Increasing Financial Support

During the five year period just closed, receipts and expenditures for work in home mission fields, as handled by the treasurer of our Board, have been as follows:

| | Receipts | Expend. |
|---|---|---|
| 1917 | $ 75.32 | |
| 1918 | 1,754.60 | $ 489.13 |
| 1919 | 3,154.46 | 1,691.39 |
| 1920 to June 30th | 843.33 | 1,735.50 |
| 1920-21 ending Sixth Month 30, 1921 | | |
| Total | $52,399.19 | |
| Less transfer accounts for Yearly Meetings | 26,944.61 25,454.58 | 25,064.62 |
| 1921-22, ending Sixth Month 30, 1922 | 26,172.32 | 27,389.30 |
| Totals | $57,454.61 | $56,369.94 |
| Balance on hand | | 1,084.67 |
| | | $57,454.61 |

Of these receipts $196.71 was received from treasurers of preceding Boards. It must be remembered also that a considerable share of the funds received for work among Indians and Negroes at least had been contributed previously through other channels, and that our increase in giving cannot be measured by these totals without analysis. Two encouraging facts remain, however, illustrated by the chart shown below:

(1) If we accept the income of 1918 as a unit, that income was almost doubled in 1919, increased more than 14½ times in 1920-21 by the Forward Movement, and practically 15 times in 1921 and 1922.

(2) Although the year of 1921-22 was one of serious financial depression and many Friends were unable to pay during that year pledges which they had made to the United Budget, the total home mission income for the year made a slight gain over that for the year before.

GROWTH OF INCOME OF HOME MISSION BOARD

1918 ———
1919 ———————
1920-21———————————————
1921-22———————————————

For *Southland Institute* the annual income, in addition to interest on invested funds has been practically doubled, increasing from about four thousand to approximately eight thousand dollars from Friends in the North. During the same period however, the expenses of the school have increased from a budget of approximately ten thousand in 1919, to over fifteen thousand in 1920 and more than sixteen thousand seven hundred in 1921-22. Southland cannot make much progress until its assured income is still more largely increased.

For our six *Indian Missions,* appropriations were made in our budget of 1920 and 1921 totaling seventeen thousand dollars, but contributions made possible the actual payment of only $8,604 for those two years, supplemented slightly by gifts sent directly to the treasurer of the Indian Committee. This means, that support for work among the Indians from Friends of the Five Years Meeting has also doubled during the past five years, since Yearly Meeting appropriations in 1917-18 and 1918-19 for Indian work totaled only $4,385. We must remember however that before the recent reorganization of our Indian Missions, we were spreading over six or seven missions support which could not possibly provide adequately for more than two under modern conditions, if full-time work was expected of our missionaries. We were slowly killing the work by compelling our workers to earn a living in other ways. The Committee on Indian Affairs is still struggling with the question of which mission to close next, if support does not increase this year.

For *Evangelism and Church Extension,* the report of the treasurer of that Board presented to the Five Years Meeting of 1917 showed expenditures of $1,028.01 for the period 1912-1917. Figures are not available which would show us exactly what increase has been made in expenditures for similar purposes since 1917, because of the fact that in 1920-21, some funds for evangelistic and extension work were transferred to the Yearly Meetings with the amounts raised for their local budgets and

are included in the $26,944 designated above as "transfer accounts." Practically $12,000 has been expended by our Board for evangelistic and extension work in addition to that included in the amount transferred to Yearly Meetings. It seems safe to say, therefore, that our investments as Friends in united evangelistic and Christian extension work, outside of our work among Indians and Negroes, have increased at least fifteen fold in the past five years. Yet we are only just beginning to discover and realize our responsibilities and opportunities in this great field.

### Developing Concerns

As we have thought and prayed and worked together over problems of our home fields for the past five years, certain concerns have been pressed upon our hearts more or less definitely and with increasing clearness, which have raised many questions still largely unanswered.

1. How can the Five Years Meeting do more towards helping all Meetings to become centers of constructive and pastoral evangelism, the need for which is so serious and widespread? How can we make our evangelism more effective?

2. How can the church as a whole help to provide more and better opportunities for study and training for pastors and workers already in the field? This is being answered in part by individual Yearly Meetings.

3. Can we by some co-operative effort, help to stimulate more adequate pastoral support?

4. Should not all evangelism make clear every Christian's responsibility for stewardship of life and possessions?

5. We doubt the necessity of having separate departments of Evangelism and Church Extension, and Social Service. Our experience has been that the two work together as one.

6. We are impressed with the need for more study and better understanding of the problems of our Meetings in large cities. May it not be that some of our greatest future opportunities as Friends will be in the cities?

7. We recognize also great need for further study of the problems of our rural Meetings and a closer co-operative touch between them and the church at large.

8. We question whether some systematic policy of proportionate and conditional financial aid to new or weak Meetings might not prove more helpful than our present methods of giving assistance.

9. Repeatedly we have felt the need for a central building fund which might be loaned on interest to Yearly or local Meetings, and believe careful consideration should be given soon to the possibility of creating such a fund.

10. We have felt a deep concern regarding the responsibility which Friends may have for interpretation of Christianity to various groups of foreigners in this country. This was brought to our minds especially in the past five years by direct requests from Ukrainians in Canada, and from Russians in Chicago that Friends would undertake religious instruction among them. We are conscious also of the very large number of Mexicans in this country, as well as Chinese and Japanese through whom far-reaching influences might be set at work, but the way has not been open for united work with any of these groups.

11. We have felt a definite concern that Friends should encourage and direct the work of our young men and women in religious and social channels. We are conscious of an especial need for a fresh recognition of the possibilities latent in the desire of many of our young women to be of service through the church.

12. We have a deep desire to co-operate with our local Meetings to increase the understanding and practice of the principles of Christian democracy in industry, and other social relations so that every person, of every race, shall have full opportunity for the highest development of his powers.

13. It is increasingly clear that our mission work among American Indians is merging rapidly into Christian extension work, including not only the Indians but their white neighbors and should contribute permanently to the upbuilding of the church in Oklahoma.

14. We are conscious of increased need for Friends to inform themselves regarding present relations between the Negro and White races in America and to contribute positively and immediately towards better understanding, good will, and Christian brotherhood between us. We recognize deep truth in the

following statement of George E. Haynes, author of "The Trend of the Races," a mission study book adopted for use in 1922-23:

"Adjustment of the relations of the White and Negro peoples in America, therefore, has great significance for the world-wide trend of the races. The very issue of whether or not there will soon be a warless world is involved because the problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the contacts of the white and colored races."

About half our members, including a few besides our Executive Committee, have been drawn into close and helpful fellowship through service on the Board during the past five years. The sharing of difficulties as well as the sharing of great encouragements have brought us near to each other and near to God in ways which have meant joy and inspiration to our own lives and for which we are deeply thankful. It has been a constant regret to those of us who have enjoyed this fellowship that great distances and lack of funds have prevented all members of the Board from sharing these blessings with us. We hope in the next five years it will be possible to ensure a meeting of the entire Home Mission Board at least once each year.

ELLISON R. PURDY, *Chairman.*
RUTHANNA M. SIMMS, *Executive Secretary.*

130. The presence of Edward Bellis was noted, and the Meeting stood to indicate appreciation for his services as a member of Southland Institute Board for forty years.

131. Under the general consideration of Friends' work for Indians, Rayner W. Kelsey gave an address entitled "A Heritage and a Responsibility." He called attention to the fact that the work of Friends for the Indians began with George Fox and has been a special interest of Friends, English, Irish, and American, ever since. An outline of our work for Indians was given, and the relation of President Grant to the work referred to This field of service has formed a connecting link between

Philadelphia and Western Friends. Instances of transformed lives as the result of Friends' work with the Indians were told with deep-feeling. New problems now confront us in our efforts for the Red Men. May we be true to our ancient heritage and present responsibility.

132. Amelia Ruger Lindley gave an address entitled, "Around New Council Fires." There are now five active missions ministering to four thousand Indians in Oklahoma. The influx of a lawless element of white people has made the work with the Indians very difficult. The missionary has felt compelled to labor with the white people in the Indian communities for the sake of the Indians themselves. The transfer of the Indians from special government schools to public schools has worked to disadvantage. We should feel the challenge of this transitional period. The use of peyote, a narcotic, constitutes a very demoralizing influence. A vivid picture of customs prevailing among various tribes, as the Kickapoo, Big Jim, Otoe, and Osage, was given. For the most part the Indian conception of the Great Spirit is pantheistic or animistic, and they have little idea of sin. The speaker made an earnest plea that work for the Indians be not negelected in the great forward movement that is coming through our Five Years Meeting.

133. Lawrence Lindley presented the following resolution, which was approved, and directed signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Meeting:

Hon. A. J. Volstead, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee,
United States House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

The Five Years Meeting of Friends in America, representing a membership of more than 85,000, assembled in quinquennial session, urges the reporting out favorably from the Juliciary Committee of House Bill No. 10738 to prohibit the transporta-

tion of peyote and marihuana and providing penalties for the violation of the provisions thereof.

134. It was the feeling of many Friends that the valuable address of Frank W. Dell given during the morning session should be published. The responsibility for attending to this matter was referred to the Home Mission Board.

The Meeting then adjourned to 7:45 P. M.

## SECOND DAY, THE ELEVENTH

### 7:45 P. M.

The Meeting convened in accordance with adjournment. A time of worship was observed.

135. A short time before the Meeting convened and at intervals throughout the session a group of singers from Fiske University brought inspiration to the Meeting by the singing of Negro spirituels. Appreciation was expressed for this service in song.

136. S. Edgar Nicholson proposed that the delegations be requested to maintain their organization and report from time to time to their respective Yearly Meetings. The meeting approved of the proposition.

137. James Wood expressed the hope that a special invitation be extended to Ohio Yearly Meeting to send fraternal delegates to the next Five Years Meeting. The meeting approved of the proposal.

Ralph S. Coppock, Clerk of Ohio Yearly Meeting, who was present, said he would gladly convey the invitation in the spirit in which it was given.

138. A proposition was made by Carolena M. Wood that the Executive Committee of the Five Years Meeting be given permission to invite other bodies of Friends to send fraternal delegates to the next Five Years Meeting.

The meeting approved and the Executive Committee was authorized to send such invitations and upon such terms as it may deem wise.

139. L. Oscar Moon told something of the work of a group of Friends in Detroit and the prospect for development of the meeting there.

140. L. Hollingsworth Wood, President of the National Urban League, gave a brief address on the topic, "American Friends and the American Negro." The migration of the Negro from the south to large centers of population in the north, constitutes a new problem. Racial antagonisms are evident on every hand. Our debt to the Negro is the opportunity to help him. Even as our service on behalf of the suffering ones of Europe presented a challenge, so do the needs of the Negro. We should work *with* rather than *for* him. Friends have been loved by the Negro and have loved and helped him. Let us deal with the Negro in the spirit of Christ.

141. Harlow Lindley, chairman of the Southland Institute Committee, spoke in particular of the work of that institution. He gave a brief history of Southland and told of the beginning of the school as the outgrowth of an orphanage for neglected Negro children. The equipment of the institution was given and the material and spiritual needs set forth. There is a wonderful opportunity before Friends at Southland. The location is as good as that of Tuskegee, and the responsibility of Friends for carrying on the work is very great.

142. Geraldine S. Cadbury, of London, gave a parting message of love to the Meeting, and referred to the bond of fellowship existing between English and American Friends, a bond that is growing stronger.

143. The Meeting expressed its very great appreciation

for the reports of the sessions appearing in the local newspapers, *The Palladium* and *The Item.*

144. Hearty thanks for the courtesy of Earlham College and the local Committee on Arrangements were voiced by many, and the Meeting stood to indicate appreciation.

145. John Henry Barlow, on behalf of the delegation from London, thanked the Five Years Meeting for its kindness and courtesy, and expressed the feeling that English Friends owe a great debt to American Friends.

146. Appreciation for the work of the Clerks was voiced by several Friends. The service of the Business Committee was also commended.

147. Charles M. Woodman expressed gratitude that the Five Years Meeting had convened in Richmond, and felt that it had been a blessing to the city. He further rejoiced, he said, "at the remarkable evidence of God's presence and power."

148. Harry R. Keates said that back of all and best of all we should appreciate and be thankful for the fact that God has met with us and we have come into vital touch with him. As we look forward to the new year may we take the promise, "Certainly I will be with you."

149. Timothy Nicholson stated that he had attended every Meeting and every session of the Five Years Meeting since its organization. Earnestly and eloquently did he enjoin the duty of thorough loyalty upon his hearers. Every failure in loyalty makes trouble. He said that in his long experience in the work of the church, work which had been broad and varied, he had discovered that the wise course to pursue was to express one's judgment frankly and in a respectful manner and that if the church adopts something that is contrary to the personal judg-

ment it is the duty of the individual to accept the decision of the church and join heartily in carrying out the united judgment. This is absolutely necessary, he said, if unity and progress are to be achieved.

The concluding Minute was then read as follows:

150. "The Good hand of our God has been upon us" from the opening hour of our sessions. He has led us in a marvelous way. His love has enveloped us and His wisdom and power have made it possible for us to do that which seemed beyond our utmost strength. With deep gratitude to Him and with confidence that He who has begun a good work in us will continue to lead and bless us, we part to meet in 1927 if the Lord will.

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